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DANGER!

Extreme caution must be observed when launching and sailing near overhead wires. A mast near a wire could be fatal!



Electrical Power Lines Strike Again!

This past year there has been much publicity regarding the dangers of an aluminum mast coming in contact with electrical power lines. The Hot Line has done a good job of informing Hobie sailors about this, but I would like to relate my own experience which happened last Spring. Hopefully, it will help to impress upon others—especially those who believe it won't ever happen to them—the fact that it CAN... and all too easily, too.

I had been out sailing my Hobie Cat and was working upwind to a commercial motor boat dock, intent on avoiding moored boats at buoy. Suddenly I heard a loud "CRACK" that sounded like a high-powered rifle going off, and before I realized what had happened, I had hot aluminum raining down on me, followed by the sail. Luckily, I wasn't touching anything metal on the boat and thus escaped personal injury and possibly death. Later, after a frightening look at the fifty-cent-piece-size hole in my mast, I discovered what had happened. The lake had been at a much higher water level than "normal", causing the dock operations to be moved back under power lines that were "normally" hundreds of yards from the water.

I am a cautious sailor and "normally" would have avoided getting myself into such a dangerous situation. But, as I certainly found out, there is no such thing as a "normal" accident.

George Metcalf / Abingdon, Virginia

A Story of Bad Omens, And Their Lack of Validity

Late in January of this year, my wife and I were invited by Tom Eckles of Fleet #4 to race in the second of their three-race winter series. We live in the San Fernando Valley, and the prospect of a warm weekend made this the ideal time to check out the local sailing conditions.

We arrived at about 8:45 and proceeded to have a cup of coffee and some breakfast while waiting for the rest of the fleet to show up. When the race committee says there's a skippers meeting at 9:45, you just know that it won't get off the ground till 11:00. Nope—meeting at 10 and race at 10:30! We set our coffee down and began frantically to rig the boat. Finally, the last thing left to do was put in the hull plugs. Only one was to be found!! Since it was after 10, there was no time to ask around; and since the probability of finding one seemed remote, we searched the truck again. At last I spotted a black object of similar proportions. It was a tubeless tire valve stem, and as desperate a situation as this was, we gave it a try.

Now, the guy next to me on the beach was in 'A' fleet and he was busy spraying WD-40 on his fittings, and as the valve stem

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needed some coaxing, I asked to borrow some of his "Go Fast". He, noting the yellow ribbon tied to my batten, said, "Sure, take the whole can. I know how it is to be in 'C' fleet." I thanked him and now being somewhat depressed by the nature of his remark, lubricated the valve stem and inserted it solidly into the opening.

By this time we were the last of the boats which were racing to still be on the beach. My wife struggled with her wet suit, and at long last we were ready to shove off. The psychological "coupe de gras" came as we struggled to get the boat to the water, as the tide had ebbed somewhat. One of the dogs running loose on the beach decided to annoy the starboard hull. Intuition told me that if there was ever a time to sit it out on the beach and drink beer, this was it. But no, I thought, Tom had spent the better part of the week re-cutting my sails and we must press on, regardless.

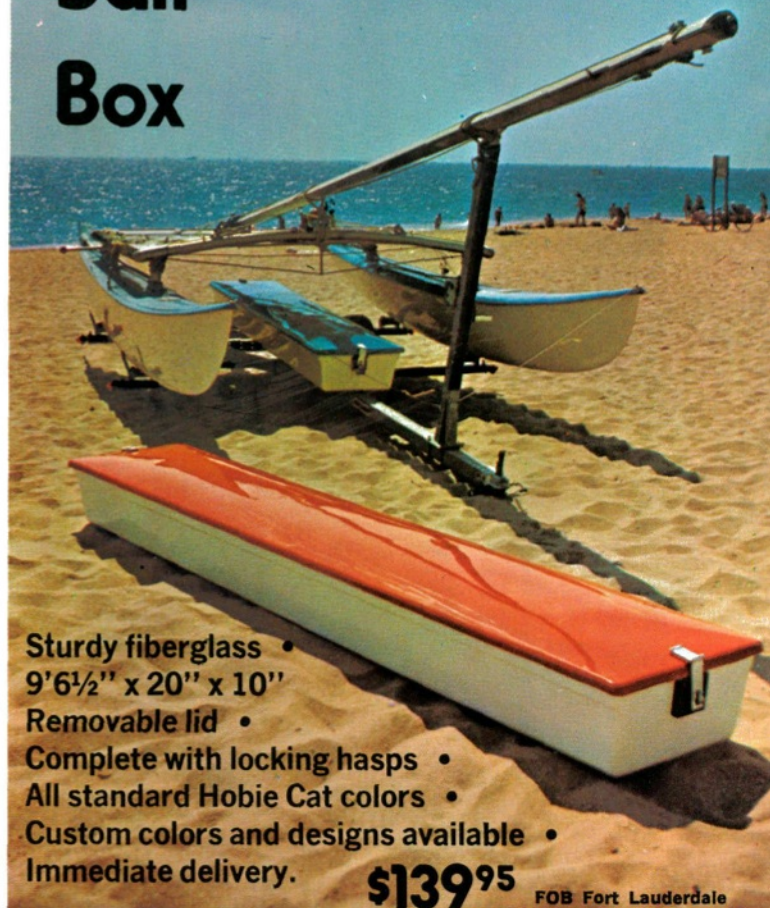
By day's end, we had taken a first, second and a third—only to miss first place overall by ½ point. Thus, second place was ours and our first sailing victory is now proudly displayed in our den.

We shall remember this day when we are confronted with similar circumstance... and thumb our noses forthwith.

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LETTERS

to the Editor...

ENTHUSIASTIC CANADIANS

Dear Ed:

In the past we have read about our friendly rival from the Toronto area, Reg Jaworski. The fact that a Canadian ventured far into the States to compete in a major Hobie regatta was judged newsworthy of editorial comment.

Well, you have written about Reg, but you have forgotten the Jeans. Yes, the unknown "Jeans" of Quebec, Canada. Jean Marc Bernard, Jean Paul Larch, Jean Lalumier and Andre Pilon (how did an Andre sneak in?) drove 23 hours nonstop to enter two Hobie 16's in the '75 Hobie 16 National Championships in South Carolina. Jean Marc, with only two regattas under his belt, placed a very respectable 5th in C fleet. The group presented Hobie Alter with gold Olympic pins and an Olympic flag at the awards presentation.

Jean (all three of them) returned to frigid Quebec bubbling with enthusiasm for Hobie Class racing. They formed Fleet #187 and are very active in organizing Hobie Cat races on the shores of Lake Champlain. Their interest was all brought about by an unforgettable week spent racing with other Hobie skippers.

I believe their actions and efforts should be acknowledged.

Ron Lemish
Hobie Dealer
Montreal, Quebec

P.S. The Hobie skippers from Montreal made many friends at the Hobie 16 Nationals. Some Californians are coming up to the Montreal Olympics this summer and will be staying at Bay Missisquoi, Lake Champlain. There they will be able to use some of Fleet #187's 20 Hobie Cat 16's. Any Hobie skippers who are on vacation or coming up to the Olympics and want a place to beach their boat and sail with other Hobies, please contact Ron Lemish (514) 744-0770.

DEAR RON:

Thanks to people like yourself, the "Jeans", the Jaworskis and the many other Canadian Hobie enthusiasts, the Hobie Cat population in Canada is growing larger every day. With well over 30,000 Hobie skippers in the world, it's often hard to acknowledge individually the vast number of people who have done so much to help promote the Hobie Way of Life, so I appreciate your taking the time to write and give credit where credit is due. Keep up the Hobie stoke—and thanks for the invitation to visit Canada and Fleet #187!

Ed

HULL LEAKAGE

Dear Ed:

I have a problem with my hulls. When I capsize and/or turtle, my Hobie 14 is almost impossible to right. Also, when I get it up it rides very low in the water, signifying water in the hulls. When I pull the

plugs on the beach, gallons of water come streaming out. The plugs are new, and I've inspected the hulls for holes and there are none. Can you give me any advice?

Also, what is the best way to keep hulls looking bright and new? I love your magazine and I would like to see more photography.

Thanks for your time and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Michael Austin Dunn
Salt Lake City, Utah

DEAR MICHAEL:

There are a number of possible leaking points you should check. If you've already checked the hulls thoroughly for holes, the next step is to inspect all the through-hull fittings. You may want to take off the gudgeons and bow tangs and re-seal them with a good marine sealant. You should then check and apply sealant to the areas where the pylons enter the hull, and the hole in the flange where the rudder pin goes through the deck. It would also be a good idea to take the hulls off the frame and inspect the condition of the foam pylon plugs. If they have shrunk, you should either replace them or use sealant around their sides.

The best way to keep your hulls bright and new is to keep them covered when not in use. A regular coating of boat wax helps too, but be sure to keep it out of the non-skid areas. The article on page 17 of this issue, "Keep That Fiberglass Boat Looking New", explains why hulls can become dull and faded if not properly cared for and what you can do to prevent this.

Ed

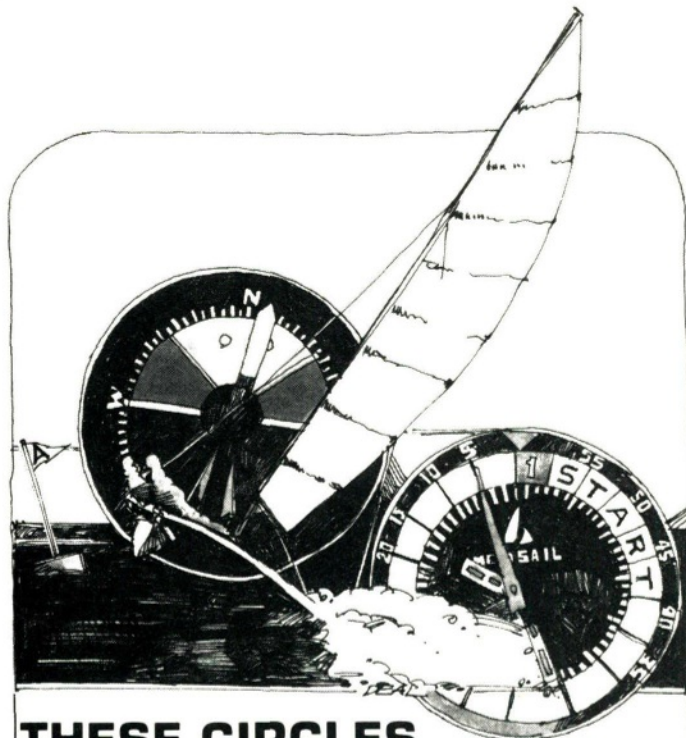
A WHALE OF A TALE

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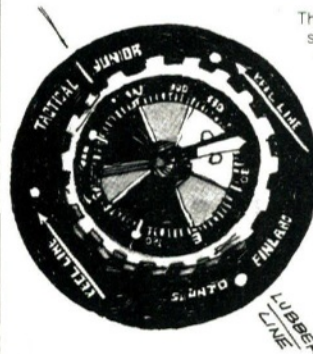
You may not believe this, but our Hobie 16 was rammed by a whale. While sailing inside the breakwater of Los Angeles Harbor, about 300 yards off Cabrillo Beach, my crew and I spotted an idle Hobie 14. We went over to see what was happening when all of a sudden something spouted between the hulls of the 14. We stuck around... About five minutes later my crew said, "Hey! Look down there!"; and to my amazement, a 20-foot grey whale surfaced off the starboard hull—RIGHT off the starboard hull!! We followed him (her?) for a little ways, but turned back, with mixed emotions, as it got dark.

Although I am new to the Hobie scene and am sure this must have been one of those once-in-a-lifetime things, I'd still like to warn any other unsuspecting sailors who happen to be in the area of Cabrillo Beach: BEWARE OF WHALES!

Linda Leth, Age 14
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South Africa — Home of Baboons,

Late last September, Wayne Schafer and I had the pleasure of taking a three-week trip through South Africa. It's a visit we will long remember, and we owe a great deal of thanks to Coast Catamaran South Africa and Seven Seas Cane Spirits for making it all possible. We'd been asked on numerous occasions by John Whitmore, an old friend of ours, and the South African Hobie Cat manufacturer, to come down for their National regatta, but as much as we would have liked to go, we didn't think it possible. Then, about six months later, we got a letter from John saying that he and Seven Seas, sponsor of their National event, would help foot the bill to get us down there. We could hardly refuse, and in the time it took us to pack our suitcases,

everything was finalized and our trip was set.

We started off from California, going first to the U.S. 14' Nationals in Traverse City, Michigan. After finishing up there, we headed to New York for an overnight stay and then embarked on a 19-hour flight to Johannesburg. Our itinerary was set up so that we would have an opportunity to meet as many Hobie skippers and dealers as possible during our travels through South Africa.

When we landed in Johannesburg we were met by Boris, the local Hobie dealer. Leaving customs, Wayne and I were pleasantly surprised by the barrage of photographers and press agents that surrounded us, thinking they really shouldn't have gone to all that



Ostriches, Zulu's & Hobie Cats

trouble. It was Boris who broke the spell when, stifling a grin, he explained that Liz Taylor and Richard Burton were expected in on the next flight. Oh well... we didn't really think it was just for us!

Boris gave us a quick tour of the area, let us rest up for half an hour, and then swept us off to a cocktail party sponsored by Seven Seas. Although we were supposed to be suffering from the perils of jet lag, meeting the local Hobie sailors that night was like running into old friends and Wayne and I both spent a very enjoyable evening. We learned that sailing in the Johannesburg area is done on lakes and generally the airs are very light. Occasionally the Johannesburg skippers drive to Durban (about a day's drive away on the east coast)

where they can usually get in some good heavy weather sailing and a little Hobie Cat surfing.

After thanking everyone for the warm hospitality shown us, we hopped on a plane and headed for Durban. There, the weather is warm and tropical with generally consistent winds. There are also some excellent surfing spots in this area. We spent a couple of days touring the area, which included a trip up into Zulu Land, a very picturesque and historical part of South Africa. During our stay in Durban, the Natal Hobie Association, along with Seven Seas, gave a dinner and party in our honor at the Holiday Inn downtown. I'm sure no one had ever made such a fuss over a couple of visiting tourists



By this time, both Wayne and I were beginning to feel a little like royalty on the Grand Tour...



With three days of extremely strong winds, action at the Nationals was fast and thrilling.

before, and by this time both Wayne and I were beginning to feel a little like royalty on the Grand Tour. But the *coupe de resistance* was yet to come... as we drove up to the hotel, there on the marquis—flashing in brilliant neon lights—we saw "WELCOME SANDY & WAYNE TO SOUTH AFRICA". It was too much!

The next day we hitched a ride to East London with a few of the Hobie skippers we'd met in Durban. Heading south, we traveled inland for a while, going through very beautiful country made available by the government for native farming. Unfortunately the trip to East London took a little longer than we had anticipated, and we missed meeting with the local Hobie group there.

After a good night's sleep, our Durban friends headed for Port Elizabeth to compete in a tune-up race prior to the Nationals. Wayne and I stayed behind with our host, Bobby Joubert, the Hobie dealer, to see the East London area and also to watch our first Rugby Match, which, incidentally, Bobby was playing in. (The game is about as rough as American football, but the players don't wear any padding at all. According to Bobby, by the end of a game they are quite "banged up".) Like Durban, East London is another beautiful spot, with warm weather and water. There are miles of white sandy beaches and lots of good surfing spots.

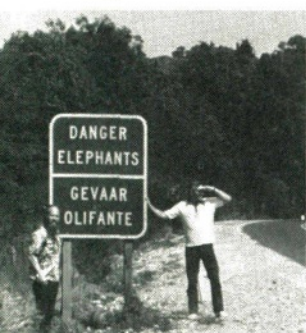
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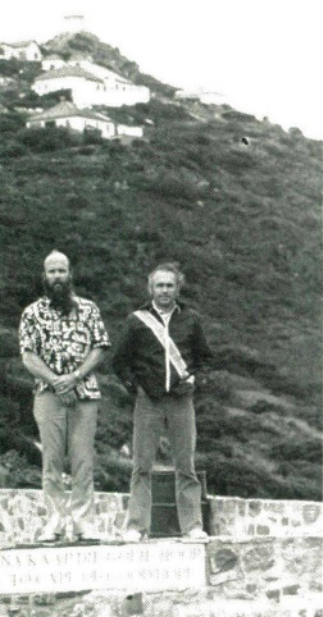


Along the way from East London to Port Elizabeth we had an opportunity to stop and visit with some of the native families.



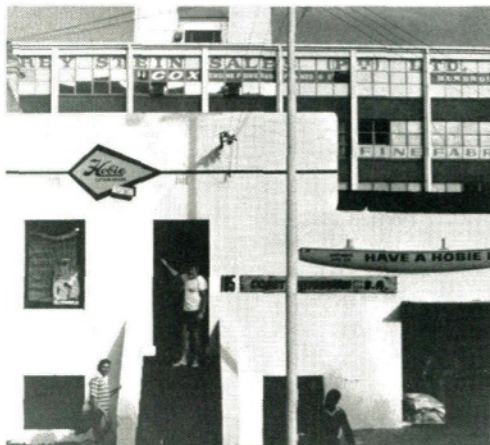
Some of the signs we saw along the road to Cape Town were a bit of a surprise!

John Whitmore standing in the doorway of his factory in Cape Town.

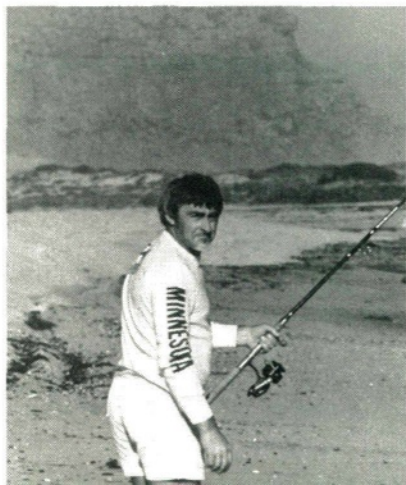


Here we are—your average American tourists—at the Cape of Good Hope.

In East London you can reach the ocean by sailing out through the river mouth, providing the surf isn't too big at the opening.



Don't be fooled by his sweatshirt... John Whitmore is South African all the way!



After our stay in East London we set out with Bobby Joubert for Port Elizabeth. The trip was very interesting, especially with Bobby telling stories the whole way down. Along the way we had an opportunity to stop and look at some of the native huts. The families we met were delightfully friendly and they immediately welcomed us into their homes. These are made out of straw and clay, but even so, they are very clean and well kept up. The natives do their cooking and get their warmth from a small fire that's built into the center of the main room. Some of the huts have two or three additional huts, which connect to the main one, for sleeping and eating.

When we arrived in Port Elizabeth we found it to be a bit different from East London in that it's a considerably larger town, with a lot more industry. We regretted not being able to stay longer in Port Elizabeth as we met many really nice Hobbie people there, but we were running late and had yet to make the drive to Plettenberg Bay, sight of the South African Nationals.

The trip from Port Elizabeth to Plettenberg is considered the Garden Route, and it's easy to see why. It is an extremely beautiful drive that takes you through mountains with tremendous amounts of greenery, and forests with dazzling waterfalls. Along this route is Jeffries Bay, or Cape St. Francis, the well-known surfing spot from the movie, "The Endless Summer".

Arriving at Plettenberg, we came down off of a mountain to the bay, which stretches for miles and miles. The community around Plett (as the locals call it) is built on a hillside dropping down to the beach. This was the sight of the South African Nationals, where we met up with John Whitmore and his family. The host hotel was the Beacon Isle, situated on a point so that every room had a view up or down the coast. Although some of our South African friends thought the prices were high at this hotel, we had to disagree... \$18.00 a day bought you not only a room, but included a breakfast, a lunch, and an all-you-can-eat dinner of a variety of delicious foods.

On top of the beautiful location which had been picked, the Nationals were well-planned and had all the makings of a perfect regatta. But, as can happen anywhere, we were plagued with three days of extremely strong winds, and one light-air day. Although the weather could have been better, four races were run and the champions declared.

After the Nationals, we joined John Whitmore and continued south to Cape Town, about an 8-hour drive. Along the way we passed many ostrich farms, and although it was no big deal to John, Wayne and I just couldn't get used to seeing a wild ostrich run across the road! Some interesting signs such as "DANGER-ELEPHANTS" and "DO NOT FEED THE BABOONS" were a bit of a surprise, too!

Cape Town is probably one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen. On one side you have the Atlantic, where the water is quite cold, and on the other side is the Indian Ocean, where the water is at least 15 degrees warmer. The climate in this area is similar to what we're used to in Southern California. We spent a day sightseeing and drove down to the tip of South Africa, the Cape of Good Hope, where the Indian and the Atlantic oceans meet. At one point along the way we saw a family of baboons—about 12 or 15 of them—from an old grandfather down to the babies. You're not allowed to feed them, and shouldn't get out of your car as they can be dangerous, but we sure enjoyed watching them.

One of the highlights of Cape Town is Table Mountain, accessible only by hiking up (no way!) or by taking the cable car (more my style). If you're at all afraid of heights, the ten-minute ride going up the sheer face of this mountain could really do you in (I just barely survived the ordeal), but once you've seen the spectacular views from the top, it seems well worth it.

After giving John a few days to get caught up on business—while we roamed around feasting ourselves on such delicacies as monkey gland steaks, king clip fish, ostrich egg (one egg alone weighs a whopping 4 to 5 pounds and can feed a dozen people), and other heretofore unknown delights—we headed up the west coast to John's farm. Stopping along the way, we saw fantastic sailing spots where the wind blows 20 to 30 mph and the chop never gets over one or two feet, surfing spots that are totally uninhabited, and miles of white sandy beach. At John's farm, or within a few minutes of it, there were so many things to do and see that we couldn't even begin to fit them all into the few days we had. Things such as surfing, sailing, diving, hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, taking walks on deserted beaches, canoe rides in the lagoon, or just working on the farm. The conditions were excellent for all these sports.

After three days at John's farm we reluctantly headed back to Cape Town for our trip home. I could go on and on about how impressed we were with South Africa and especially the people. Everyone we met, without exception, went out of their way to show us a good time. They opened up their homes to us and made us feel like part of the family. South Africa is truly a wonderful country.

DESPERATA

Go placidly amid the screams and hails, and remember what peace there may be in the silence of starting 40 seconds late. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all fellow skippers. State your protests quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the port tack boat with no overlap; they too have a story.

Avoid loud and aggressive starboard tackers, they are a vexation to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others ahead, you may sail faster, for always there will be someone with an approximation to the proper sail setting or someone who has sensed the slight wind shift.

Enjoy your clear-astern position as long as the boat ahead can't tack without fouling. Keep interested in the race, whatever your position: for someone up front just might foul or capsize. Exercise caution at the start and while on a port tack: for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is: many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere the water is full of starboard tack boats.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign bargaining. Neither be cynical about the person luffing you over the line, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the ebbing current and the momentary calm.

Take kindly the counsel of the Race Committee, gracefully re-starting when over early. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you from the sudden loss of wind. But do not distress yourself with imaginings, you may be just luffing from trying to point too high at that seemingly unreachable mark. Beyond a wholesome discipline be gentle with your boat.

You are a child of the "regatta" no less than the seals and powerboats, you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the race is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with the Race Committee chairman whatever you conceive him to be, and whatever your trails and perplexities of the race may seem, in the noisy confusion of the race or protest hearing, keep peace with your crew.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, racing can be beautiful ... Be careful. Strive to stay afloat.

— David L. Young

MAST RAKE- THE HOW'S & WHY'S

By Steve Edmonds • Member, Hobie Fleet #34
Edmonds Sails • Riviera Beach, Florida

Racing the Hobie Cat successfully is a sport of skill, there is no question about that. The top skippers almost always come out ahead. But, the top skippers are the best not only because they sail the best race, but also because they know how to trim their boat for maximum speed. Obviously there are things that you can do to your boat to make it go faster. The top boats in your area always seem to be going much faster than you, right? Actually, they are only one or two percent faster than you in absolute boat speed, and a lot of this is how the boat is set up and how the sails are trimmed. What gives the appearance of their much greater speed advantage is the interaction that one boat has on another. This is particularly true when sailing to windward. The boat that is just one percent faster or points higher can get the slightly slower boat trapped in the dirty air off of his sail. The difference in the speed between the two boats is then multiplied many times.

Mast rake is one of those boat trim variables that can make a difference in boat speed of one percent when sailing to windward. To understand why this is true, it is necessary to look at the aerodynamics and hydrodynamics of lifting bodies. The sail, hulls and rudders on the boat are like the wings on an airplane. They produce a force perpendicular to the apparent wind or water direction, which is called the lift force. The lift force on the sail is counterbalanced by a resistance force in the water produced by the hulls and rudders.

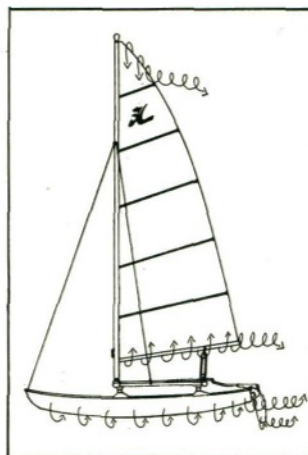


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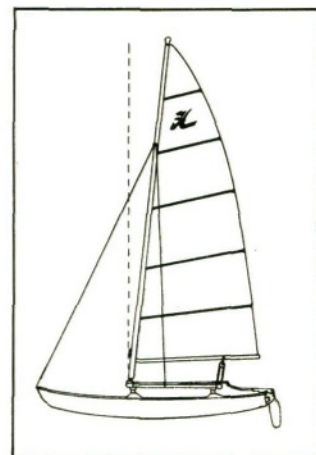


DIAGRAM 2

Bodies that produce lift also produce an extra drag force (drag is just what the name implies, it's a force in the direction opposite to where you want to go that slows you down). This is called lift-induced drag, or just induced drag. It is caused by air or water trying to take a short cut around the end of the lifting body. This produces a vortex, like a tornado, that increases the drag. (See Diagram #1)


The magnitude of this drag force is directly related to the shape (aspect ratio) of the body. Tall, skinny shapes, like the sail and rudders on the Hobie, are high aspect ratio and have low induced drag. Short, fat shapes, like the hulls, are low aspect ratio and have high induced drag.

By raking the mast back (moving the tip toward the stern) some of the resistance force produced by the hulls is shifted to the rudders. Now, remember, the rudder produces a smaller induced drag force for a given resistance than the hulls. Therefore, the overall drag in the water is reduced. But, raking the mast back reduces the forward thrust produced by the sail because of the smaller projected area in the forward direction. The optimum mast rake is one that maximizes the combination of the forward thrust produced by the sail minus the induced drag produced by the hulls and rudders.

All of this was set up in equation form and calculations were made for various mast rakes. The optimum mast rake for the Hobie 14 is seven degrees and for the Hobie 16 is ten degrees. These angles should be measured with the boat in its windward sailing trim. (See Diagram #2)

As usual, you don't get something for nothing. With the optimum seven-degree mast rake on the Hobie 14 you have increased your difficulty in tacking. Since you have the mast raked back, you have greatly increased the load on the rudders during a tacking maneuver. The rudders will be stalled as you try to bear off on the new tack with wind speeds greater than 10 miles per hour. But with practice, the top skippers have learned how to tack under these conditions. The Hobie 16, with its jib to aid in tacking, will not suffer in its tacking ability with the recommended ten degrees of mast rake.

Raking the mast back is also good in heavy wind conditions. Increased mast rake reduces the forward thrust and produces a lifting force to the hulls which reduces the tendency to bury the lee bow on a screaming reach.

Naturally, there are some practical considerations to raking the mast back. Increased mast rake shortens the distance between the tip of the mast and the rear crossbar as well as shortening the distance from the head of the jib on the Hobie 16 to the front crossbar. This does not pose a problem until the distance becomes so short that you are no longer able to sheet the main and/or jib tight enough to provide the correct shape in the sails. Raking back beyond this point will cause large reductions in speed since the sail shape is the single most important variable on the boat. 

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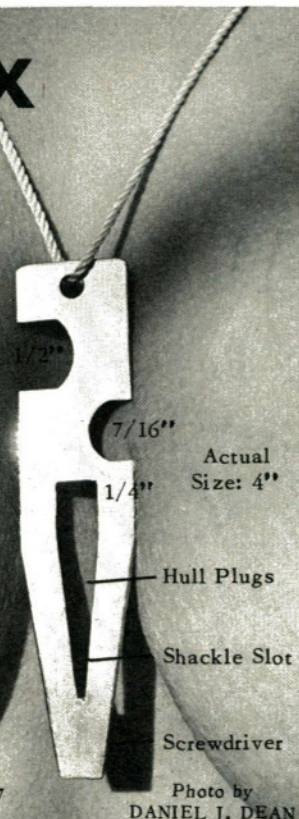


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Hobie Photo Contest Winners

For The Month Of February...

Photographer: Bill Rumpanos,
Santa Cruz, California

For The Month Of March...

Featured On This Month's Cover
Photographer: Victoria R. Carkhuff
Papeete, Tahiti

HOBIE PHOTO CONTEST

JUNE 1, 1975 THRU MAY 31, 1976

HOBIE 16 – Grand Prize awarded for "BEST OVERALL" photo!

HOBIE 3.5 – Awarded for "BEST BLACK & WHITE" and "BEST COLOR" photos!

HOBIE HAWK – One awarded every month for "PHOTO OF THE MONTH"!

HOW THE CONTEST WORKS...

Subject matter must consist of either a Hobie sailboat or a Hobie Hawk sailplane.

Photos will be judged on a monthly basis, beginning June 1975 and ending May 1976. Each month a "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" will be selected from among the month's entries and the winner awarded a Hobie Hawk radio-controlled sailplane (less R/C gear). "PHOTOS OF

THE MONTH" will be judged on photo composition and photographic skill and may be either black & white or color. Entries must be postmarked DURING THE month being judged, i.e., to be eligible for the JUNE "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" award, entries must be postmarked no earlier than June 1, 1975 or later than June 30, 1975.

From the twelve (12) "PHOTO OF THE MONTH" winners, the "BEST BLACK & WHITE", "BEST COLOR" and "BEST OVERALL" photos will be selected in June 1976. Winners in the "BEST BLACK & WHITE" and "BEST COLOR" categories will each be awarded a HOBIE 3.5; the winner in the "BEST OVERALL" category will be awarded the GRAND PRIZE – a HOBIE 16! (All prizes will be awarded.)

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

Subject matter must consist of either a Hobie sailboat or a Hobie Hawk sailplane.

1. The contest is open to all interested photographers. Employees of Coast Catamaran and their families are not eligible.
2. Entries in the color category must be 35mm, 2 1/4 x 2 1/4, 4x5 or 8x10 transparencies. Black & white prints must be on either 8x10 or 11x14 paper. All nonconforming entries will be disqualified.
3. Each entry must be labeled with the photographer's name, address, the location of shooting, film and equipment used and exposure data if available.
4. No more than two (2) photographs in each category may be submitted each month.
5. All entries become property of Coast Catamaran Corp. and may be used by them at any time for publication and within any context. Entries WILL NOT be returned.
6. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry blank.
7. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of qualified judges on the basis of originality, photographic skill and photo composition. The decisions of the judges will be final. Prizes will be awarded for the best photo each month (either in black & white or color), and from these for the best black & white photo, the best color photo and the best overall photo. The judges may select other entries in each category for Honorable Mention.

8. All entries showing any recognizable persons must be accompanied by a signed release from the person(s) in the photograph(s). The release must include the name, address and phone number of the person. Entrants under 18 must submit a signed release from parent or legal guardian.
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One hundred and one members of Fleet #54 gathered near Baltimore on February 7 for their annual dinner meeting. Commodore Pat Moore called the meeting to order and Secretary/Treasurer Rex Scaggs presented his report on the past year's activities. Pat then presented the proposed slate of officers for 1976, and it was unanimously accepted by the members.

After dinner, Pat presented trophies for the Fleet's Summer Series, the Flaming Fall Regatta, and the Frostbite Regatta. He was assisted by Rex Scaggs, Martin Hoover and Bob Banbury, members who had organized the regattas and made the trophies. Pat also presented the second annual "Sailor of the Year Award", a perpetual trophy, to Bob Shoemaker. This award, the Fleet's highest honor, was donated last year by Pat and Mary Lou Moore. The first recipient, John Flanigan, received the trophy from Hobie Alter last Spring.

Newly-elected Commodore Ed Plitt took over the show for the presentation of four new annual awards. The "Unsung Hero Award" went to 16 crew Mary Ruck, described by Ed as "pound for pound, the most intrepid sailor in the Fleet". The award for "Sailing Improvement" went to Ted Leach, who ably represented Fleet #54 at the 16 Nationals by placing 13th. The award for "Contribution to the Fleet" went to Rex Scaggs, who did an extraordinary amount of work for the Fleet in 1975, even though he is no longer a Hobie owner. The award for "Sportsmanship" went to Bob Banbury, who was recognized for his friendliness and helpfulness toward his fellow sailors.

With the serious business concluded, Mary Lou Moore took the floor for her annual Fun Awards—and it is "Mutiny on the Bounty" time again! Seeing that the "Special Awards Roast" is about to begin, everyone heads for the open bar and attempts to sustain themselves in some small measure against the agony that lies ahead.

Quickly, the following sailors are called to front and center: Robert Ball of Baltimore, Rob Mairs of Camp Springs, Robert Banbury from Pasadena (Maryland, that is), Robert Shoemaker from College Park, Robert Hall from Lutherville, Robert Ruck from Nowhere, Robert Curry from Severna Park and Robert Wagner of Riderwood. Yes! You've got it. The "Perpetual Bobby Award", of course. Mrs. Moore, who has spent valuable minutes on these gorgeous awards, cannot help but note that these sailors trudge to the front something like a chain gang about to receive the whip.

Never one to be deterred from her duty by cat-calls and celery flinging through the air, Mary Lou next calls upon Ed Turner, Paul Hummer, Mike Kleist, Charlie Kroger, Rich Redler and Bennie Ackerman to present

Fleet 54's Annual Dinner Meeting

"Dear John, I've never really met a male hooker," muses Mary Lou Moore to John Sohn, who hand-hooked the beautiful Hobie rug for the delighted Moores.



"Give it an H — give it an O — give it a B — I — E!!" The Official "Hobie Hot-To-Trot Cheerleaders" do their stuff at the Fleet's Annual Bash.

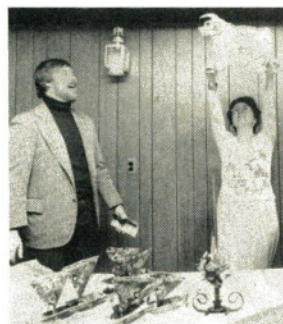


Three conversations at the same time. Ed Plitt (ctr), new Commodore of Fleet #54: "Pat, you mean you said THAT and got away with it?" Pat Moore (lt), past Commodore: "Yes... I'm seriously considering running for the United States Senate next." Rex Scaggs, past Sec/Treas: "Brothers and sisters, please join me in one chorus of 'Bless Be The Tides That Bind'."

PHOTOS BY STAN BOCHENSKI
(Owner of TWO Mono Cats!)



"Oh, Promise Me I'll Never Run Again", croons J. Patrick Moore as he wraps up his Commodorship at the Fleet's Annual Dinner.



Marin Hoover receives the annual "Bull Shooter's Award".

This valuable T-shirt designating "Federal Aviation Research Technician" was awarded to J. Patrick Moore by Martin Hoover.



A classic example of how to mix business with pleasure...and a little insanity, too!

their "Hobie Hot-To-Trot Cheerleaders" act, one that has thrilled a cast of thousands at Wildwood, N.J., Ocean City, Md., and, recently, a one-time appearance at a Baltimore race riot. The sophisticated polish of this notorious group is matched only by something as unique as the Winter Olympics.

Exquisite single awards were presented to Ted Leach, recipient of the "Foul Finger of Fate Protest" and "The Last Can of Beer in Anyone's Refrigerator", while tiny but gutsy Mary Ruck received the official "Hanging Out and Hanging In Wonder of the Year Award". Her hubby, Little Bobby Ruck, was so happy and gay that he immediately burst into his infectious rope-jumping act that has startled onlookers at Gunpowder State Park and caused Bob to be arrested three times by the park rangers.

It would be unseemly to mention why Howard Rex Scaggs The Third won a pot of homemade bean soup... you see, Rex often wins races when the rest of the Fleet remains on shore because the wind died.

This year, part of the audience turned ugly and there was a bit of a "getting even" tang in the air. Up jumped handsome John Sohn, who once cost Mary Lou two sleepless nights by showing up at the same regatta with John Johnson, expecting to be scored correctly. John had hooked a fantastic Hobie rug for Mrs. Moore, and not only was she thrilled by this work of art, but was incredulous to meet her first male hooker.

Patrick Moore, leaving his post as Fleet Commodore, accepted a classy T-shirt, initialed to designate "Federal Aviation Research Technician".

Bartenders all over Maryland are strong devotees of the Fleet #54 Special Awards Event, as business is increasingly brisk at the conclusion. However, sobbing quietly in the corner and stroking his rubber duck that he brings to every dinner, sat Ed Plitt—who didn't win any of Mary Lou's treasures, but gets to be Commodore instead!

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*With tears in her eyes
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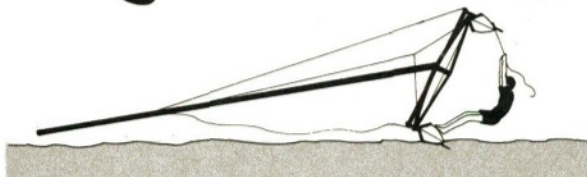
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Aquarius V Wins Little America's Cup Challenge!

WE GOT IT BACK! "Aquarius V", the United States challenger from Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in Los Angeles, successfully defeated the Australian defender "Miss Nylex" to bring the Little America's Cup back to the United States.

Aquarius V



AQUARIUS V (lt), the soft-sail U.S. challenger, and *MISS NYLEX* (rt), the wing-sail Australian defender, fought a see-saw battle down to the final race of the series.

The Little America's Cup is symbolic of supremacy in C Class catamaran racing. Alex Kozloff, designer and builder of the soft-sail "Aquarius V", and his 22-year-old helmsman, Robbie Harvey, took the 25-foot C Class cat to Melbourne, Australia early this year determined to bring the Little America's Cup back to the U.S. for the first time since it was dedicated 14 years ago. (Britain has won it eight times, Australia three and Denmark one.) Kozloff and Harvey lived up to their slogan "Bring It Back" in a see-saw battle with Australia's sophisticated wing-sail catamaran, "Miss Nylex", by winning the 4th and final race of the best-four-of-seven series.

The event was sailed on an 11-leg course in Port Phillip Bay near Melbourne, February 7 - 15, 1976. "Aquarius V", possibly the lightest C Class cat ever built, proved vastly superior to "Miss Nylex" in light weather, winning one race by more than 18 minutes. "Miss Nylex" was faster than the soft-rigged "Aquarius" in winds above 12 knots, but only by a small margin. Her biggest margin in the three races she won was only a little over four minutes at an intermediate mark.

A brief race-by-race description...

RACE 1: "AQUARIUS"

"Aquarius" set the scene for her win in the first race by defeating the favored "Miss Nylex" by nine minutes 18 seconds in light winds. This was the greatest defeat inflicted on the defending champion to that point.

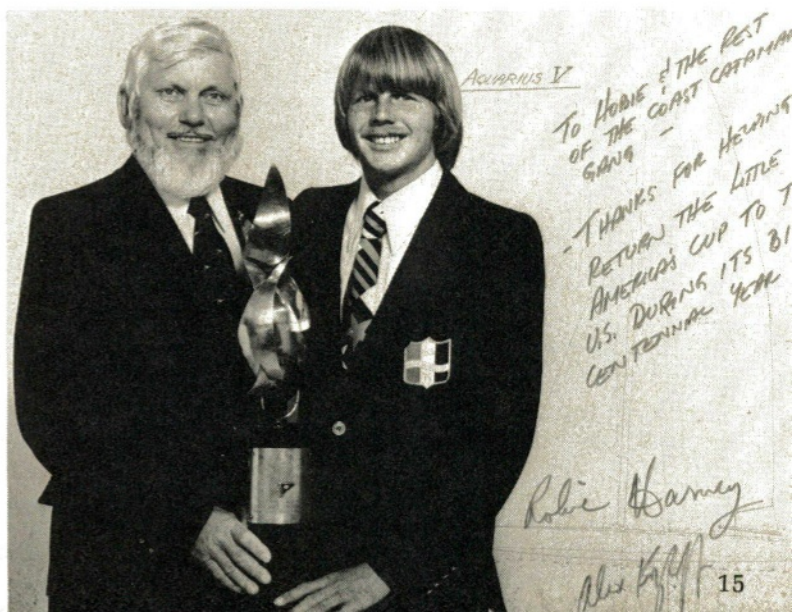
RACE 2: "MISS NYLEX"

The second race was abandoned with "Aquarius" leading "Nylex" by 11 minutes 32 seconds when a savage squall, with winds gusting to 35 knots, whipped across the course on Port Philip Bay. ("Nylex" had led at the first two marks of the course while winds were above 10 knots, but as they dropped before the storm, "Aquarius" took command.) "Nylex" won the race when it was resailed, as Aquarius dropped out with a gear failure.

RACE 3: "MISS NYLEX"

The Australian boat led at the first mark by one minute 34 seconds, then added another 27 seconds by the second mark. At the ninth mark she led by four minutes five seconds, but the wind began to die and "Aquarius" cut the margin to two minutes 54 seconds at the finish.

Alex Kozloff (lt), designer, builder and crewman of "Aquarius V", and helmsman *Robbie Harvey* with the Little America's Cup trophy.





"Aquarius V" rounding the mark.

AQUARIUS V WINS LITTLE AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGE! (continued)

RACE 4: "AQUARIUS"

"Aquarius" won the 4th race by 18 minutes 49 seconds in a light wind that died to four knots near the finish, making the series two races each.

RACE 5: "MISS NYLEX"

"Miss Nylex" won the start and led all the way in a 15- to 30-knot breeze. However, "Aquarius" showed better heavy weather performance in this race, and at no time did more than two minutes separate the boats. "Miss Nylex's" margin at the finish was only one minute 56 seconds, and most of this was gained when "Aquarius" just failed to lay the seventh mark and had to take an extra hitch.

RACE 6: "AQUARIUS"

The 6th race, again a light to medium one, went to "Aquarius" by 36 seconds after a tacking duel on the final two windward legs. The Australians considered protesting the race because they felt it had been started with less than the four knots of breeze required, but did not go ahead with it.

RACE 7: "AQUARIUS"

"Aquarius" won the last race of the series, and thus the trophy, by five minutes 23 seconds in an 8-knot breeze. "Miss Nylex" had again led at the first mark by 31 seconds, and by 35 seconds at the second mark, but "Aquarius" then went to the lead and held a 36 second margin at the third leg. She was never again headed.

The Hobie Class Association is proud to have played a small part in the first United States victory in the history of the Little America's Cup Challenge. The \$1000 donation which Hobie made, and the many single contributions made by fleets and individuals across the nation helped "Aquarius" financially, but even more important was the great enthusiasm with which Hobie skippers backed the U.S. effort. In the words of Alex Kozloff:

"The reason the United States won the Little America's Cup Challenge was, I believe, because we were prepared, we were organized, we practiced (five hours a day for many months!), and we had the backing of the catamaran yachting fraternity behind us. It is the many catamaran sailors in our country—those in the Hobie and other small-cat classes as well as the C Class Sailors—who helped to generate enthusiasm, and for this both Robbie and myself thank you. It is this same U.S. 'team' effort that will ensure the successful defense of the Cup in years to follow."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1976

Dear Messrs. Harvey and Kozloff:

Congratulations on bringing the Little America Cup back to the United States. The victory by Aquarius V over a renowned and resourceful Australian crew sailing in its home waters is an achievement of the first magnitude.

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Mr. Robbie Harvey
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If you are about to, or have bought a fiberglass boat, perhaps we should talk about maintenance. It's true, fiberglass requires less maintenance than other types of boat finish. Your choice of color will also be a factor, as bright reds, greens, blues, etc. will tend to dull faster. Even at that, these colors can be kept in a 'like new' condition with proper maintenance.

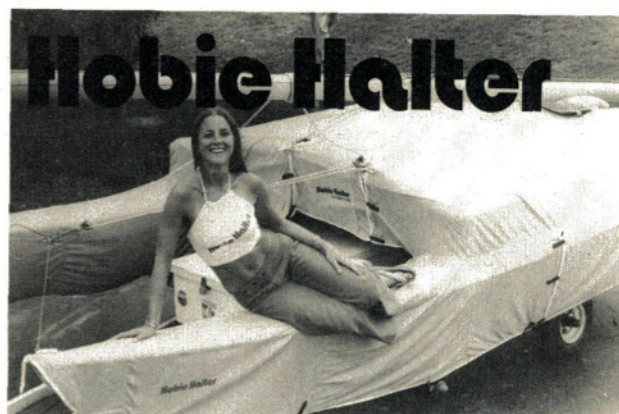
In the manufacturing of fiberglass boats, to achieve the color of the boat the manufacturer first sprays into the mold a coat of gelcoat, which can be chosen from a large range of colors. The gelcoat is applied using a thickness of about 16 mills. The gelcoat's purpose can be compared with the painted surface of a wood boat, the prime purpose being to offer a selection of colors and provide a shiny smooth surface. Even though gelcoat dries to a harder finish than paint, its drying or curing characteristics are much the same. Gelcoat will oxidize and fade with time like paint, therefore requiring cleaning and protection to keep that 'new look.'

You have learned from experience the importance of washing your boat down with fresh water after a day's use. This is extremely important when you are boating in salt water. An occasional cleaning with a mild detergent will also keep oil film, fallout and water spots to a minimum. While this is important and necessary, it will do little or nothing to remove the oxidation and stains which build up with time and use of your boat.

Before we talk about the waxing of a boat, let's continue on with the cleaning. One of the most important things to remember about waxing or polishing is that it must be done over a clean surface. When we say clean, we mean more than just washed with detergent and water. If you will recall, we previously talked about oxidation, which is the natural drying or curing of either gelcoat or paint. As the finish oxidizes, the old pigment, Polymers and oils form a dull accumulation on the surface which will require more than detergent and water to remove. Along with this surface accumulation, the gelcoat itself is much like your skin in that it has small pores, holes that accumulate oil and other foreign material which add to the dulling and general poor appearance of the finish.

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I'm glad to say there are polish companies that now manufacture cleaners that will clean without the use of harsh abrasives. So often, we think all polishes are about the same. As we talk more about this, you will see a big difference. Very recently new chemicals have been made available that can be used by the chemist to formulate a product that will offer the boat owner a clean slick surface without removing more gelcoat than necessary. Even though much more expensive to manufacture, these products formulated together properly will remove stains, water spots, oxidized gelcoat and other surface accumulation without causing additional scratches in the surface. You would not use sandpaper on your boat, why then remove more gelcoat than necessary with a harsh liquid or paste abrasive? Along with removing the surface accumulation, a good cleaner also deep cleans the small pores and assures you of a totally deep clean surface. You will notice that as you apply this type of cleaner to the surface, you will get a color transfer from your boat onto the application rag. Never be alarmed, this is the oil and dry gelcoat along with the other stains, oil, etc. that must be removed. They are what is giving your boat that old dull appearance.

Although most of us clean our boat without the aid of an electric buffer, for those of you who do use the buffer, a liquid cleaner formulated to be used by hand or buffer is your best buy.

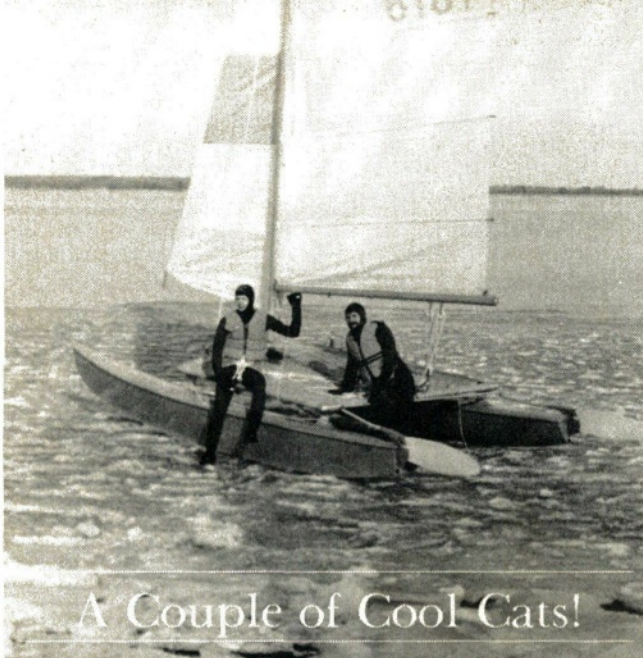
Now that you have not only deep cleaned the gelcoat but removed the surface accumulation, you are ready to restore the surface to its original color plus give it the best possible surface protection. Before we get into the requirements of a truly good wax, let's keep in mind that we are talking about large areas that will be polished. Therefore, ease of application and wipe off become a very important factor. We talked about new chemicals now being used to help clean the gelcoat. The same holds true in wax. Artificial waxes that have recently become available enable the manufacturers to control the ease of application and wipe off.

Of equal importance is to offer you the maximum in surface protection. Perhaps a good point in case would be the question... "How long has it been since you have used natural rubber on your car?" Through modern chemistry, synthetic or artificial rubber has been developed which, according to the manufacturer, will guarantee 40,000 miles per set. Much the same is true in the polish field. Artificial or synthetic waxes enable the polish manufacturer, by using as many as seven or eight combinations of these waxes, to obtain additional hardness, ease of wipe on and wipe off, better luster, darkness, color retention and additional lasting quality. Another big advantage for those of us polishing our own boats, you no longer have to take the boat out of the sunlight.

It is often asked what goes into making an outstanding marine cleaner and wax. Most manufacturers try to provide a blend of waxes which will give outstanding lasting quality with ease of application and wipe off. It's not too difficult to offer a wax that will give a slick finish, but some strive for more than that. Ingredients are added that will keep the boat finish as close to its original color as possible. This is accomplished by adding to the wax some of the same ingredients that dry out or oxidize from the finish. In essence, it feeds the pores of the gelcoat and gives it new life (this is especially effective on dark colors). Some of the waxes used are blended for application and wipe off, others for slickness and still others for long lasting luster.

As a manufacturer, I might add that whatever boat wax you buy, remember it's not so much what you pay that's important compared with the time you spend cleaning and waxing your boat. If it's not going to give you the best results you are looking for, you have wasted a lot of time and money.

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A Couple of Cool Cats!

Pat Kell and Bill Frayser are two avid winter sailors. Their Hobie 16 is never tucked away waiting for the sun... they sail all winter long and really enjoy those brisk winter winds. Here we see Pat and Bill as they prepare to set sail on the Tappahamock River in Richmond, Virginia—with the ice four inches thick and the chill factor a "pleasant" zero degrees. Man, they must have *really* had a great time *that day!*

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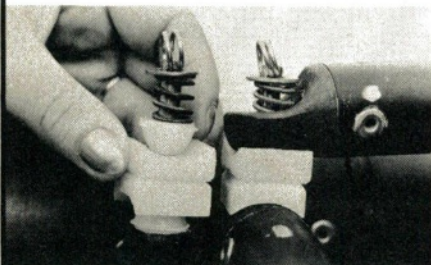
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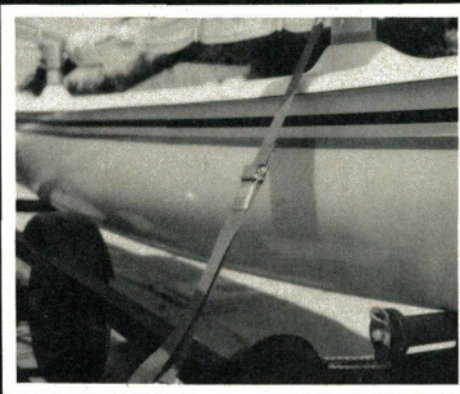


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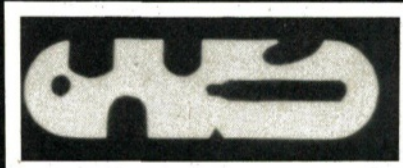


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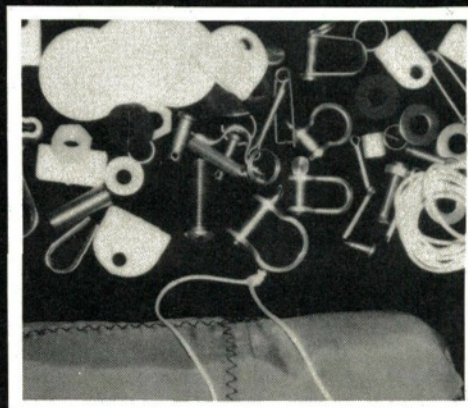
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Hobie Alter



Beach-hopping and camping for 350 miles down the Gulf of California in a Hobie was

A Different Way to Cruise

By KENNETH HENWOOD

The traditional way to cruise the Gulf coast of Baja California has always been to pack a large cruising boat with gear and proceed from anchorage to anchorage, with an off-shore view of the coast. All very comfortable, but you have to pass up small, isolated coves in favor of well-worn paths.

Watching *pescadores*, the Mexican fishermen who always seem to be ashore in bad weather, gave me an idea for another way. In my fast, beachable 16-foot Hobie Cat *Ola*, using lightweight camping gear for

Looking down on our camp at Isla San Francisco (left). The Sierra Gigantia isolated the coast from the interior (below). Leaving Puerto Escondido (top).



A Different Way to Cruise

living on the beach, I could poke into places previously seen only from a distance.

In this way, sacrificing some "necessities" to the freedom to put into shallow out-of-the-way coves and make our camp, Ed Prorock and I covered 350 miles of Baja's Gulf coast from near Santa Rosalia to Cabo Pulmo, south of La Paz. This was in January and February, a time we chose because the prevailing winds are from the north, blowing moderately hard each afternoon. This meant a good run whenever we wanted to travel.

We soon found out how different this kind of cruising could be. After launching and beating out of Concepcion Bay, we landed on an open beach just west of Punto Concepcion and mucked about on the beach examining an incredible array of snail shells exposed by the full-moon low tide, then made camp and dinner of fish, rice and freeze-dried vegetables. As we sat by the warm fire we noticed the dew was heavy but didn't think of it further until we went to our sleeping bags and discovered that the dew, which keeps a yacht's deck so wet had made the bags more than damp. In fact they closely resembled sponges by morning.

The night seemed longer than usual as we watched the Big Dipper crawl slowly around the North Star and debated putting on wet suits, but the morning sun elevated our spirits. From then on we made a tent out of our groundcloth. Two days and 35 miles later, a beach in the lee of Punta Pulpito was a precursor to the kind we eventually came to expect. *Ola* was beached on a crescent of sand between a cliff and a massive yellow headland, with coyote tracks the only marks in the smooth white sand and some of the best diving ever in the clear water off the point. This was the isolation for which we had sacrificed cabin comforts.

Navigating mainly by Leland Lewis' "Sea Guide Baja," we picked Caleta San Jacinto next on the basis of his glowing description, found Bert and May Morrow there aboard their 55-foot ketch *Kawai Tec*, and enjoyed a feast of green salad, home-baked bread, cheese, lobster (supplied by *Ola*), Napa Valley Pinot Chardonnay and Canadian chocolate that made *Ola's* fare seem rather sad for the next few days. Big-boat cruising does have some obvious benefits.

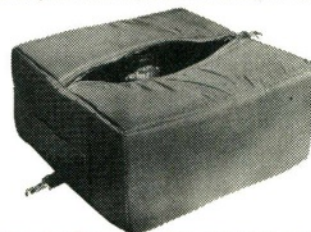


Later that night, a *coya*, the local name for winter-time northerly gales, started to blow and lasted a day and a night. Comfortably beached, we were restless nevertheless and set out under reefed mainsail the next morning when it seemed lighter. As any Monday morning quarterback could predict, it picked up again within 30 minutes, and *Ola* was soon flying in 35 knots of wind. The main was too much, even with both of us and all gear stacked on the after cross bar to keep her bows up. Sailing a Hobie faster than the seas can be tense, and we soon switched to the jib about three-quarters up (all it would go), and this kept us surfing nicely in control until we rounded Punto Mangles to find a smooth lee inside. Pleased with *Ola's* heavy-weather performance, we beached her and relaxed. Next we camped for two superb days at Puerto Ballandra, where, lying on the beach at night, we could see the lights of Loreto 15 miles past the two points that formed the bay's entrance. Pelicans diving on bait fish woke us at sunrise, while thousands of doves flushed out of the mangrove thickets behind us.

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At Cabo Pulmo we had help in pulling "Ola" up the beach for the last time.

Arrival at Puerto Escondito was a mild culture shock when, instead of quiet beaches, we found what looked like an American trailer park. The beautiful bay of Steinbeck's "Sea of Cortez" was lined with campers. *Ola* didn't fit well with the Winnebagos, so we joined a group of *pescadores* at the end of the beach and picked up advice for the 140-mile passage to La Paz. We spent several pleasant days with them, chatting, drinking beer and sailing in the bay. Many of the younger men had never used sails on their *canoas*, but they picked up the techniques quickly, and some of the oldtimers predicted a return to sail if the price of outboard fuel goes much higher.

For 120 miles south of Escondito, automobiles cannot reach the coast as the Sierra Gigantia mountains isolate the beaches from the interior in stretches of scenery like the Grand Canyon; red rock towering over the flat sea. In the ranches and fish camps isolated along this stretch, we met the most friendly, happy people of the whole cruise. Here we met the Amador brothers, two fishermen and one goat rancher, Ramon, who makes excellent cheese which is shipped to La Paz by coastal launch. We spent an afternoon drinking coffee, roasted, ground and brewed on the spot by his wife, watching him make cheese from the 60 gallons of milk his children get each morning by milking the herd of 110 goats. It was so good that we bought nine pounds.

Another stop was the salt ponds of Bahia Amortajada on Isla San Jose, where we spent two days clamming and talking with the men who work the salt. At the southern end of the island is one of the biggest mangrove lagoons in the Gulf, grounds for thousands of egrets, herons, stilts and other birds that were so numerous they looked like ornaments against the dark green of the foliage; also gnats, too heavy for bird watching in some seasons. Seven miles on, at Isla San Francisco, there followed two idyllic days on a white sand beach in a little cove that made us really appreciate the advantages of Hobie cruising as we explored the island, did some diving and waited for a good day to make the 23-mile crossing to Espiritu Santo. This is in open water, 30 miles from the mainland and exposed to the full sweep of the Gulf in a norther, so we watched the weather carefully, checking the barometer, and took off in a beam wind of 10-15 knots that got us there in two hours, 20 minutes, a great sail. Then it rained for seven days, with almost no wind.

I am an ecologist, and I had come to Espiritu Santo hoping to observe the black jackrabbits (which are found only on this island) in advance of a return trip for more extended study. The weather made this difficult, and we spent four days in a cave above Candelero Cove eating fish and rice for dinner and leftover fish and rice for breakfast while waiting out the rain. When we could get out to look at the rabbits—which are indeed black—we found the rough volcanic landscape covered by wildflowers brought out by December rains. North American hummingbirds that winter in Baja, buzzing like giant bumblebees, guarded their blossoming territory.

Bored with the rainy calm after six days, we hitched a ride to La Paz, towing behind Mac and Dorothy MacDonald's sloop *Daybreak*. For a few days, we made the most of the restaurants there and did some daysailing in the harbor. In one of the high points of the whole trip, off El Magote peninsula, we came upon a school of porpoises and had the thrill of a race with them. As *Ola* skimmed along, they surfaced alongside and one even arched out of the water between the hulls. At arm's length from their backs as they swam rapidly with us, we had a new perspective on their size, which seemed as big as *Ola*, and on their strength and impressive ability to accelerate. The race ended when the channel turned and we shot across a bar into shallow water, suddenly alone but still exhilarated.

The soft days in La Paz ended with a sail south to Cabo Pulmo where we could leave *Ola* at the ranch of a friend while I took the bus back to Santa Rosalia to retrieve my van. In two months we had covered only between 350 and 375 miles, but sailing slowly, without civilized amenities, had so changed our sense of time and distance that I found it hard to adjust to the pace of the bus as it sped me back to civilized living.

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APRIL-MAY 1976

FLEET No. 91

Ft. Worth, Texas

Fleet #91 is alive and well in the city of Fort Worth, Texas!

The road to recovery was paved early in February, and the Fleet had begun to breathe new life by the middle of the month.

A new Fleet Charter was issued February 25, 1976. New officers include Ken Anderson, Fleet Commodore; Larry Barger, Vice Commodore; Doug Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Fleet will be based on Benbrook Lake. Fleet activities have been scheduled through June with our first Annual Regatta, June 5 and 6.

We are looking forward to fun-filled years of Hobie Cat sailing on Benbrook Lake in Fort Worth, Texas.

FLEET No. 67

Salt Lake City, Utah

*Near the mountains known as Rockies
By the shining big salt water
Lives a Fleet called 67
'Neath much snow is 67
Dreaming of the Hobie summer.*

That just about says it all. Last May ('75), we sailed the last three races of our season opener in a blizzard. Unbelievable!!—freezing crews, boats disappearing into the white after rounding the mark, and ice formig on the sails. This year, however, we've been in touch with the "Big Skipper" and stand assured that there will be no repeat. With that in mind, we shook the drowsiness of our winter hibernation long enough to elect the following fleet officers: Commodore, John Keller; Vice Commodore, Brenda Cole; Sec./Treas., Bonnie Crail; and General Advisors, Andy Shearer and Mike Walling. Also formulated was a 60-race schedule including a July 3 - 4 - 5 points regatta and the Division #5 Championships August 14-15.

No doubt our spring meeting will find us with various amounts of overweight surrounded by untanned chicken skin. You must understand—it's been a long winter—but through the snow storms we can see a Hobie summer.

FLEET No. 8

Houston, Texas

Welcome aboard to all the new Hobie owners in Fleet #8! Space doesn't permit listing all new owners, so a hearty howdy to one and all. Please feel free to contact any Fleet #8 member for help, advice, or information on where the sailing is going on.

Many new Hobie sailors attended the seminar held at John Fernald's on February 12 and 19. Thanks to John for his excellent instruction.

The Hobie Fleet #8 Get Acquainted Party on February 14 turned out to be quite a success! Special Activities Chairman, Marie Shoemake, wants to thank Tootie and John Fernald, Nancy and Dave Bailey, and Scott Treme for all their help in making it a success. We were especially pleased to have many of the members of Fleet #33 and Fleet #177 in attendance. Fleet #177 of Galveston is newly-formed and attended the party 'en masse'. We anticipate working closely with these two fleets this year. Good things to come!

A note to those interested in social sailing. Any Sunday you can find a variety of cats at Texas City Dike. We found a total of eight cats there recently. If you don't race and need to practice, just go down and do your thing!

FLEET No. 4

San Diego, California

We had our first Match Race February 22 at Silverlake, where we raced against Fleet #3—and WON! Bob Beauchamp and his crew took first place and Ken Collins and Chuck Hollweg took third in the 16's. In the 14's John Golden took first and Paul Mayeski second. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who was able to go. Our next challenge race will be Sunday, May 2. The golf course, sauna and tennis courts at Silverlake are all available for our use, so we'll try and make it a weekend trip.

We like to encourage all members to participate in other Fleet's races. It is good experience racing under different conditions and with a new group.

FLEET No. 123

St. Louis, Missouri

Fleet #123 racing begins May 2 and will continue every Sunday until October 31. Races will begin promptly at 12:00 and 3:00, weather permitting.

Special three day weekends featuring camp outs, fun and trophy racing are to be held over Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. No racing will occur on August 8 for the annual luau and on September 18-19 due to the Fleet participation in a Whale of a Sale Regatta.

The noon race will be broken down into two-month segments with appropriate winners for the Spring, Summer and Fall series. The 3:00 race will be devoted entirely to the championship series. To encourage non-racers, the Fleet voted to establish A and B fleets to give novices an opportunity to compete among themselves.

Fun races will include such events as relays, watermelon races, ½ ton slalom, and other events designed to provide fun and to teach you more about your boats.

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□ The newly-formed Hobie Fleet #146 of Wichita Falls, Texas wanted their first regatta to be remembered for being well-planned and creatively executed. That was in September of 1975—and the regatta is still being talked about. But it is not often that Hobieists from the Texas/Oklahoma area remember the fantastic planning, the unusual entertainment, or even the “all-you-can-eat-for-a-dollar” meal that was served. For whenever enthusiasts talk about Fleet #146's Lake Arrowhead Regatta of '75, it is usually referred to as the 'London Fog Regatta'... with tales you would have to classify as fantasy. □ The night before the regatta, a wet, cold front moved through the area and lowered temperatures. But the Hobies came, and they wanted to race. After finding the committee boat, the races were on. The fog got thicker and thicker until visibility was limited to the end of your nose, and as the pack was searching for the first mark screams of “Here it is! I've found it!” echoed through the fleet. Not only the racers had interesting tales. The committee boat had to assume they were seeing a Hobie cross the line and ask for the number to be called out. One fleet had only one finisher—the others thought they had already crossed the line and went to search for the beach! Yet everyone had a good time. Even the park ranger, who'd been standing by in order to keep power boats off the race course, came to the rescue by getting cars unstuck with his tractor. On this, and other occasions throughout the weekend, the good planning did manage to

shine through. □ This year, Fleet #146 is sponsoring their 2nd Annual London Fog Regatta, July 12 and 13. Although they feel it will be impossible to ever recapture the thrills, chills, and woes of their first regatta, they are dedicating this year's event to those who participated in and survived the first London Fog Regatta in 1975. To those who will be attending this year's event, Fleet #146 can only promise well-planned races, lots of fun and good sailing, a full moon, and no guarantee of weather conditions. While they could nearly bet on beautiful weather with good winds, they have announced the purchase of fog bells for each buoy... just in case! □ A large shoreline is available at the registration site for launching and overnight camping. Motel accommodations are available in Wichita Falls (20 minutes away). There will be a spaghetti feed Saturday night. Entry fee includes T-shirts and beer.

For further information contact:

Bob Hayes, Regatta Chairman - (817) 767-7650

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6th ANNUAL FLORIDA FENCE WORLD OPEN

June 5 & 6, 1976 / Clearwater Beach, Florida

□ This is an annual event, and last year over 200 Hobies participated! This year, Jeff Canepa will be at the regatta and race three races on a 14 and three races on a 16, with trophies going to anyone who can beat Jeff in the three-race series. Let's give the “Billy Goat” some tough competition!

Location: Sheraton Sand Key Hotel - Clearwater Beach

Accommodations: Camping — none at race site. Hotel — Sheraton Sand Key is providing rooms for one couple at \$25.00 and two couples at \$30.00

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Hobie Cat Sailing in Europe

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From the fjords in Norway to the sunny beaches of the Riviera, a growing number of Hobie Cat enthusiasts are filling the European scene with color and excitement. Many of our readers would be happy to know that they can mix the pleasures of a European vacation with the fun of sailing and racing a Hobie Cat. In this article we hope to provide you with current information and some useful addresses, so that you can fit your favorite sport into vacation plans.

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Today, a comprehensive sailing and racing program, growing every day, combines the activities of clubs, fleets and associations all over the continent. Each group has its own unique characteristics, adding a particular flavor to the common goal. This was perhaps best illustrated at the European Nationals (September, St-Tropez) where over a hundred German, French, Dutch, Italian, Swiss and English skippers fought it out for top honors.

Preceding the European Nationals, Hobie Cat owners participate in a series of pre-qualification regattas in their own countries, or across the borders.

A European points system permits them to qualify anywhere on the continent. Their three best regattas for the season are used to calculate final qualification, but each skipper must participate in his own national championship regatta, which cannot be thrown out. This explains the existence of "point" regattas and "non-point" regattas.

If you prefer the sunny climate of southern Europe, you can get into a number of regattas in southern France and Italy. The best wind conditions are usually to be found on the Mediterranean, but some breaker waves will greet the surfing buffs around Biarritz on the Atlantic Coast. The fleet in Rome is particularly active if you're headed for Italy.

Coming back up through the center, you'll find a lot of competition on Lake Geneva, sparked by the keen leadership of Sig Maxwell. Racing (or even just sailing) with the breathtaking scenery of the Alps in the background is an adventure in itself.

The same sort of experience is available in southern Germany, where Hubert Wittmann can provide you with a boat on Lake Constance and a hotel room to boot. If you're going to Munich, Gerald Engelmann, a recent convert to Hobie Fever, is the perfect example of southern German hospitality.

Northern Germany has a particularly active and competitive Hobie Cat association. With over a hundred and fifty members they are on the water almost every weekend. Carlo Backhausen, former



Hobie Cats line the beach in Toulon, France.

Hobie Cat Sailing in Europe

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In Holland, Martin Schuitemaas leads the Dutch scene and is particularly well-located on the coast. Literally hundreds of Dutch sailors hit the water, in any kind of weather, and make that area one of the busiest in Europe.

Back in France, you can visit the rustic coasts of Brittany and get in a few races between meals. Dinard and Piriac are focal points. You can even do some sailing not far from Paris, where the fleet livens things up year round. The Frozen Feet Regatta in November is a roaring success, if you travel off season.

Our hats go off to Hank Pauloo and his team in France. They are interested in seeing more Americans in European competition; and we couldn't agree more. If you want more detailed information, write to: Coast Catamaran France, Route de Pierrefeu, 83400 Hyeres, France.

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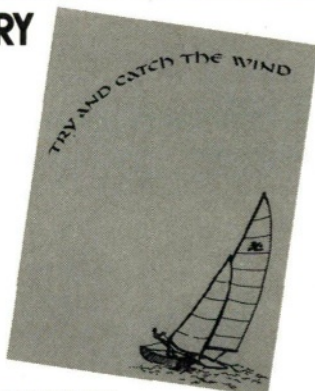
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FLEET NEWS

HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

APRIL-MAY 1976

FLEET No. 158

Bloomington, Illinois

1975 was a great first year for Fleet #158. The growth and enthusiasm were fantastic and will be even better during this bi-centennial year. Activities are already under way and the wetsuits are being put to good use. A seventy-degree day in February was all it took for the Hobies to hit the lake—naturally a Hobie Day—except for the 14 sailor who forgot his wetsuit.

Last Year's Fleet Series winners were Len Anderson and Barb Siron (16), John McKey (14), and HOP and Ann Pinther (16). We enjoyed the Hobie people who came to our regattas last year and had some great times traveling to Wisconsin and Michigan. We hope 1976 will bring many new Hobie faces to Central Illinois. Bloomington is located in the heart of Illinois and is an easy drive from Chicago, St. Louis or Indianapolis. If you are going to be in our area this summer, make it a point to join us for some great Hobie fun. *Paul Pinther, Commodore,*
Fleet #158, Phone: (309) 662-4519.

FLEET No. 125

Chicago, Illinois

Comments from the Commodore...

A word of thanks to all of you (and you know who you are) who voted me in as commodore this year at our Annual Banquet. Last year, with the super effort that Ken Lowe put forth in organizing and running Fleet #125 from its conception, will be hard to top. But, with his continuing support, we will have another great year, hopefully with an even larger membership.

To get into the spirit of '76, Fleet #125 will sponsor what I think will be a most enjoyable race—THE '76 FLAG FIGHT FIASCO. The rules will be very simple: there will be no rules except to run a triangular course with the sole purpose of collecting all red, white, and blue flags, or as many as possible, from each of the

three marks. There will be different-shaped sets of flags for each class of 16's, 14's, 12's and under. A prize will be given for every colored flag collected, and the boat that is able to collect all three colors will receive \$76.00! There will be a slight increase in the entry fee depending on how many boats enter the race, but hopefully we will have a large turnout.

Lots of good times are already in the works for Fleet #125 this season and we're looking forward to sharing them with all of you. For information on our activities, please feel free to contact me.

Bob Searles, Commodore,
6800 S. Main Street, Downers Grove,
Illinois 60515, Phone: (312) 964-6494.

FLEET No. 83

Clearfork Reservoir, Lexington, Ohio

'Enthusiasm' and 'excitement' are the guide words for the members of Fleet #83 which is based at Clearfork Reservoir near Lexington, Ohio. These words describe how the members feel about the coming season and its activities. The Fleet, which is only two years old, has under the direction of Commodore Phil Rieman planned a full schedule. This schedule is based on input gained from a questionnaire sent to all Hobie owners within a 60 mile radius of Clearfork.

The schedule runs from the middle of May through the end of September. It includes five scheduled race days; two two-day regattas; two clinics, one on racing and the other on righting and safety; and an awards banquet.

Other events which are tentative at this time include at least one visitation to another fleet, an overnight trip to Lake Erie to sail on more open water, and a service project. This project will allow a number of young people, who ordinarily would not have the opportunity, to be introduced to sailing.

Details of the above events will appear in future issues of the *Hot Line*.

For information on fleet membership and/or activities contact:

Robert Casey, PR Director for
Fleet #83, 1205 North Market Street,
Galion, Ohio 44833.

FLEET No. 23

Dallas, Texas

Chili Cook-Off Contest...

Our Pot Luck Supper and Chili Contest was a total success. There was enough chili left over to garnish hotdogs at the race series for the rest of '76. Contest winners were:

FIRST: ~ Cathy Griffice
SECOND: Darleta Moore
THIRD: Marilyn Morris

There were 16 contestants in all and prizes varied from wooden spoons to can openers to an innocent snake? It was great to see so much interest and enthusiasm on our first pot luck supper of the year.

Thanks to the judge (*if you are still with us*) and all the participants for the appetizing chili.

Thank goodness Dr. Chase-it-down did not have to assist in the identification of foreign objects. Most notable objects were items such as jalapeno, bean, onion, or tomato...thank goodness.

A special thanks to the Social Committee for all their hard work in preparation of this successful get-together for the fleet.

We are looking forward to *more* of these great gatherings in the near future. Especially at the lake when the weather brings us all back out into the warm sun.

FLEET No. 191

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Hobie Class Association would like to welcome our new fleet, Fleet #191—Triad Hobie Cats of Winston-Salem, N.C. Fleet #191 started with 16 members and is growing rapidly. The Fleet officers are Lon Griner, Commodore; Ted Tankersley, Vice-Commodore; and Steve Kelley, Secretary/Treasurer.

For information on Fleet membership and/or Fleet activities contact:

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May 9	Summer Series #1/Fleet #6 Kaneohe Bay, Y.M.C.A., Hawaii	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
May 15	Maritime Day Race/Fleet #6 Keehi Lagoon, Hawaii	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• May 29-31	Don Ho Reg./Flt.#6/Lanikai, Ha.	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• June 4-6	Pan Am Reg./Flt.#6/Kualoa, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• June 20	Hele On Reg./Flt.#6/Bellows, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• June 27	Summer Series #2/Flt.#6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• July 4	Hawaiian Tropic/Flt.#6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• July 18	Fall Series #1/Flt.#6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• July 24 & 25	KSC Benefit/Kaneohe Bay, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
• August 1	Fall Series #2/Flt.#6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 7 & 8	Hobie 14 States/Kaneohe, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 15	Fun Races/Flt.#6/Kaulua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 22	Fun Races/Flt.#6/Kaulua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
August 28 & 29	Hobie 16 States/Flt.#6/Kaneohe, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 5	Portlock Reg./Flt.#6/Portlock, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 12	ABC Race/Flt.#6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 19	ABC Race/Flt.#6/Kailua, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
September 26	Team Race #2/Flt.#6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
October 3	Keehi Lagoon/Flt.#6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
October 17	Winter Ser.#1/Flt.#6/Ala Moana, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
October 24	Team Racing #3/Flt.#6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416
October 31	Fun Race/Flt.#6/Waikiki, Oahu	Herb Andresen (808) 239-9416

DIVISION II

May 6	Summer Series I Race #1/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
• May 7-9	London Bridge Regatta/Lake Havasu Yacht Club Lake Havasu, Ariz.	Hobie Class Association (714) 979-2880
May 9	Spring Series #3/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
May 13	Summer Series I Race #2/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
May 15	Spring Series/Fleet #4 / Chula Vista, Calif.	Miles Wood (714) 488-3670
May 16	Spring Fun Races/Fleet #180 Castaic, Calif.	Frank Breckenridge (805) 252-4089
May 20	Spring Series #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
May 20	Summer Series I Race 3/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
• May 22 & 23	4th Annual Lake Powell Regatta/Page-Lake Boating Club Lake Powell, Ariz.	Charles Stoddard (602) 645-9244
May 23	Fleet #167 Regatta/Fleet #167 Buena Vista, Calif.	Phil Auer (805) 324-7286
May 27	Summer Series I Race #4/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
May 27	Spring Series #5 Regatta/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
• May 29 & 30	Oxnard Regatta/Fleet #15 / Oxnard, Calif.	Jack Moore (714) 737-7214
June 3	Summer Series I Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
June 3	Summer Series I Race #1/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
• June 5 & 6	Wind & Sea Points Regatta/Fleet #1 Dana Point Harbor, Calif.	Einar Hughes (714) 496-3285
June 10	Summer Series I Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
June 10	Summer Series II Race #1/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
• June 12 & 13	Cabrillo Beach Regatta/Fleet #3 Cabrillo Beach, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
June 13	Fleet #167 Regatta / Lake Isabella, Calif.	Phil Auer (805) 324-7286
June 17	Summer Series II Race #2/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
June 17	Summer Series I Race #3/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
June 19	49er Regatta Invitational/Stanaslaus Sailing Club Lake Don Pedro, Calif.	Roy Heaston (209) 526-8974
June 20	First Mate's Regatta/Fleet #66 Lake Roosevelt, Ariz.	Rob Smith (602) 938-0009
June 24	Summer Series II Race #3/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
June 24	Summer Series I Race #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876

• June 26 & 27	San Diego Classic/Fleet #4 San Diego, Calif.	Miles Wood (714) 488-3670
June 27	Teamraces/Fleet #66 / Lake Roosevelt, Ariz.	Lee Aguiar (602) 838-0371
July 1	Summer Series II Race #4/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 8	Summer Series II Race #1/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
July 8	Summer Series II Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 15	Summer Series II Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
July 15	Summer Series III Race #1/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
• July 17 & 18	4th Annual Del Rey Regatta/Fleet #57 Playa Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 17 & 18	Fleet #167 Reg./Lake Isabella, Calif.	Phil Auer (805) 324-7286
July 18	Iron Man/Flt.#66/Lake Roosevelt, Ariz.	Bill George (602) 948-6107
July 22	Summer Series II Race #3/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
July 22	Summer Series III Race #2/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
July 29	Summer Series II Race #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
July 29	Summer Series III Race #3/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
August 5	Summer Series III Race #1/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 5	Summer Series III Race #4/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
August 7-8	16' Division Championships Long Beach, Calif.	Hobie Class Association (714) 979-2880
August 12	Summer Series III Race #2/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 12	Summer Series II Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
• August 14 & 15	Todos Santos/Flt.#4/San Diego, Calif.	Miles Wood (714) 488-3670
August 15	Fleet #167 Reg./Lake Isabella, Calif.	Phil Auer (805) 324-7286
August 15	Slalom Races/Flt.#66/Apache Lake, Ariz.	Mike Hager (602) 962-1736
August 19	Summer Series III Race #3/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 19	Summer Series IV Race #1/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
August 26	Summer Series III Race #4/Fleet #3 Long Beach Marina, Calif.	Rick Schultheis (714) 962-6876
August 26	Summer Series IV Race #2/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
September 2	Summer Series IV Race #3/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
September 5	Fall Series #1/Flt.#66/Phoenix, Ariz.	Phil Henry (602) 247-6919
September 9	Summer Series IV Race #4/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
Sept. 11 & 12	Fleet #167 Reg./Lake Isabella, Calif.	Phil Auer (805) 324-7286
September 16	Summer Series IV Race #5/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
September 19	Fall Ser.#2/Flt.#66/Phoenix, Ariz.	Dick Karpinski (602) 838-0047
September 23	Summer Series Fun Race/Fleet #57 Marina Del Rey, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
October 3	Fall Ser.#3/Flt.#66/Phoenix, Ariz.	Dick Karpinski (602) 838-0047
October 10	Great Pumpkin Race/Fleet #57 Lake Castaic, Calif.	Tressie Crocker (213) 645-9857
October 17	Fall Ser.#4/Flt.#66/Phoenix, Ariz.	Dick Karpinski (602) 838-0047
October 23 & 24	London Bridge Sailing Society 5th Hobie Invitational Lake Havasu, Ariz.	Bob Mann (602) 855-4406

DIVISION III

• May 1 & 2	O'Neills Kickoff Reg./Flt.#20/Santa Cruz, Ca.	Ed Mabie (408) 476-5705
• May 15 & 16	Wet & Wild 76/Flt.#21/Oakdale, Ca.	Paul Hedburg (209) 524-0529
May 16	Millerton Fleet Race/Flt.#62/Fresno, Ca.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804
May 22	Summer Ser.#2/Flt.#17/Woodward, Ca.	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
May 23	Fun Day/Fleet #17/Woodward, Ca.	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
• May 29-31	3rd Annual Tahoe Regatta & Fleet Challenge/Fleet #20 Lake Tahoe, California	Ron Gross (408) 427-2270
June 5 & 6	Summer Series #3 & #4, and Fleet Challenge with Fleet #20 Rio Vista, California	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
• June 12 & 13	Otter Regatta/Fleet #20/Monterey, Ca.	Ron Gross (408) 427-2270
June 19 & 20	Washoe Lake Invitational Regatta/Sierra Yacht Club Washoe Lake, Reno, Nevada	Mark Harris (702) 358-9100
June 19 & 20	Summer Series #5 & #6/Fleet #17 Woodward, California	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
June 19 & 20	Commodore's Reg./Flt.#62/Fresno, Ca.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804
• June 26 & 27	Around Treasure Island (Points)/Fleet #87 Alameda Beach, California	Bob Nelson (707) 226-8151
July 10	Millerton Fleet Race/Flt.#62/Fresno, Ca.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804

July 10 & 11	San Luis Wind Bash/Fleet #20 San Luis Reservoir, Calif.	Doug Cox (408) 289-9878
July 17	Fall Series #1-B.B.Q. & Night/Fleet #17 Lake Folsom, Calif.	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
July 24 & 25	Division #3-16 Championships/Fleets #17, 21, 20, & 87 Alameda Beach, Calif.	Ron Gross (408) 427-2270
July 31 & Aug. 1	Division #3-14 Championships/Fleets #17, 20, 21, & 87 Santa Cruz, Calif.	Ron Gross (408) 427-2270
August 21 & 22	Fall Series #2 & #3/Fleet #17 Lake Washoe, Nevada	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
August 21 & 22	Mile High Regatta/Fleet #62 Huntington Lake, Calif.	David Mooneyham (209) 222-2733
September 5	Millerton Fleet Race/Fleet #62 Fresno, Calif.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804
September 12	Fall Ser.#4/Fit.#17/Woodward, Ca.	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
Sept. 25 & 26	O'Neills Indian Summer Regatta/Fleet #20 & O'Neills Yacht Club Santa Cruz, California	Ed Mabie (408) 476-5705
October 5	Fall Series #5/Fleet #17 Oyster Point, S.F. Bay, Calif.	Jim Hecht (916) 444-5926
October 10	Millerton Fleet Race/Fit.#62/Fresno, Ca.	Rob Nelson (209) 439-2804

DIVISION IV

May 8 & 9	Sand Point Regatta/Fleet #14 Sand Point Lake, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
May 16	Blossom Time Regatta/Hawleys Marina/Fleet #37 Lake Sammamish, Bellingham, Wash.	Gary Baker (206) 734-9471
May 29 & 30	American Lake Regatta/Sailboats N.W./Fleet #95 American Lake, Tacoma	Eldred Smith (206) 746-0657
June 6	Mercer Island Cruise/Clinic Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #95 Lake Washington, Seattle, Washington	Doug Paeth (206) 232-0116
June 19 & 20	Pt. Townsend Regatta/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Pt. Townsend, Washington	Don Dally (206) 362-8614
June 26 & 27	Can-Am Invitational/PT. Angeles Y.C./Fleet #14 Juan De Fuca Straits, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
July 3 & 4	Sudden Valley Regatta/Hawleys Marina/Fleet #57 Lake Whatcom, Bellingham, Washington	Gary Baker (206) 734-9471
July 17 & 18	Northwestern Championships/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14, #95 Golden Gardens, Seattle, Washington	John Rueter (206) 822-0068
July 24 & 25	Columbia River Regatta/Windjammers West/Fleet #72 Portland, Oregon	Jim Severs (503) 282-1444
August 7 & 8	Yale Lake Regatta/Windjammers West/Fleet #72 Woodland, Washington	Jim Severs (503) 282-1444
August 14 & 15	Blake Island Cruise/Camp/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Puget Sound, Seattle, Washington	Dan Carpenter (206) 827-1129
August 21 & 22	Division #4 Championships/Wash. Coast Cat/Fleet #77 Ocean Shore, Washington	J. T. Quigg (206) 533-1531
September 12	Preparation H Series/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Sand Pt. Lake, Washington	John Rueter (206) 822-0068
September 18	Year End Race/Dinner/Fleets #14, 37, 72, 77, & 95 Seattle, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
September 26	Preparation H Series/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Shilshole Bay, Seattle, Washington	Paul Ulibarri (206) 782-8080
October 10	Preparation H Series/Hobie Cats N.W./Fleet #14 Seward Park, Seattle, Washington	John Rueter (206) 822-0068

DIVISION V

May 1 & 2	Spring Series/Fleet #67 Yuba State Park, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
May 15 & 16	Spring Series/Fleet #67 Yuba State Park, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
May 15 & 16	American Intermountain Championships/Fleet #61 Pueblo Lake, Colorado	Bob Crew (303) 722-8883
May 30 & 31	Memorial Day Classic/Fleet #61 Boyd Lake, Colorado	Bob Crew (303) 722-8883
June 5 & 6	Spring Series/Fleet #67 Yuba State Park, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
June 12 & 13	Hobie Invitational/Fleet #61 Cherry Creek Reservoir, Colorado	Bob Crew (303) 722-8883
June 19 & 20	Summer Series/Fleet #67 / Bear Lake, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
July 3-5	Eric Hoff Memorial/Fleet #67 Bear Lake, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 268-6056
July 24 & 25	Summer Series/Fleet #67 / Bear Lake, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
July 24 & 25	Rocky Mountain Regatta/Rocky Mountain Marine Dillion Reservoir, Colorado	Rocky Mountain Marine (303) 355-9477
August 7 & 8	Fall Series/Fleet #67 / Deer Creek, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183
August 14 & 15	Division #5 Championships/Fleet #67 Bear Lake, Utah	Brenda Cole (801) 268-6056
August 21 & 22	Fall Series/Fleet #67 / Deer Creek, Utah	John Keller (801) 299-6183

DIVISION VI

May 1	Series #2 Regatta/Fleet #64 Austin, Texas	Chuck Sicking (512) 836-7432
May	2nd Annual Ruff Rider/Fleet #99 Corpus Christi, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
May 1 & 2	Contraband Days/Fleet #9 Lake Charles, Louisiana	Alan Heath (318) 478-7437

May 2	Spring Series - 4th Race/Fleet #91 Fort Worth, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
May 8 & 9	Fleet #63 Annual Regatta Lake Thunderbird, Oklahoma	Warren Pierce (405) 364-1823
May 8 & 9	Wichita, Kansas National Regatta/Fleet #91 Fort Worth, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
May 9	Madre Day Race/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
May 9	Series #2 Reg /Fleet #64 / Austin, Texas	Chuck Sicking (512) 836-7432
May 15 & 16	Shackle Race/Fleet #177 / Galveston, Texas	Don Nanninga (No Phone)
May 16	Spring Series - 5th Race/Fleet #91 Fort Worth, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
May 15 & 16	Fleet #63 Annual Regatta Lake Thunderbird, Oklahoma	Warren Pierce (405) 364-1823
May 22 & 23	Turnback Canyon Regatta/Fleet #64 Austin, Texas	Chuck Sicking (512) 836-7432
May 22 & 23	Turnback Canyon Regatta/Fleet #91 Lake Travis, Austin, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
May 29-31	Mid-Americans/Fleet #23 Lake Texoma, Texas	Larry Moore (817) 267-1436
May 29-31	Mid-Americans Regatta/Fleet #91 Lake Texoma, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
May 29-31	Memorial Day OCBC Regatta/Fleet #111 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
June 5	Spring Races - 6th Race/Fleet #91 Fort Worth, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
June 6	Spring Series - 7th Race/Fleet #91 Fort Worth, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
June 6	Fleet #93 Summer Series Race Cypremort Point Beach, Louisiana	George Church (318) 233-2151
June 6	Father's Day Race/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
June 12	Spring Series-Trophy Presentation Party/Fleet #91 Arlington, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
June 12 & 13	1976 Lake Sabine Catamaran Championship/Port Arthur Yacht Club Lake Sabine, Texas	Kyle's Sailboats-Bruce Warren (712) 722-0111
June 12 & 13	Lake Arrowhead Regatta/Fleet #146 Wichita Falls, Texas	Mike Dickerson (817) 692-1209
June 19 & 20	Annual Regatta/Fleet #23 Lewisville Park, Lake Dallas, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
June 19 & 20	Starlight Regatta/Fleet #99 Lake Corpus Christi, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
June 19 & 20	Fleet #23 Annual Regatta/Fleet #23 Lake Lewisville, Texas	Larry Moore (817) 267-1436
June 19 & 20	Powder Puff Race/Fleet #177 Galveston, Texas	Don Nanninga (No Phone)
June 20	Long Distance Ditch Race/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
June 26 & 27	Second Invitational Eiffle Tower Regatta/Fleet #131 Lake Hefner, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
June 26 & 27	Governor's Cup-Open Regatta/Fleet #91 Lake Travis, Texas	Ken Anderson (817) 485-0090
June 26 & 27	Summer Frolic Regatta/Fleet #41 New Orleans, Louisiana	Wayne Jablonowski (504) 945-3658
June 26 & 27	Governor's Cup Multihull Regatta/Fleet #64 Lake Travis, Texas	Chuck Sicking (512) 836-7432
July 4	200 Years Hobie Regatta/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
July 3-5	OCBC Fourth of July Regatta/Fleet #131 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
July 10 & 11	Second Annual Dam Fun Regatta/Fleet #162 Waco, Texas	Jack Walton (817) 772-4450
July 17 & 18	Bicentennial Beachcomber/Fleet #99 Red Carpet Inn, Padre Island, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
July 17 & 18	Bermuda Via 25th Street Race/Fleet #177 Galveston, Texas	Don Nanninga (No Phone)
July 18	Tip of Texas, Hull Flying Contest/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
August 1	August One Race/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
August 8 & 15	In Conjunction with C.O.S.A. Series 5/Fleet #131 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
August 14 & 15	Beer Barrel Regatta/Fleet #99 Sunfish Island, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
August 15	Summer's End Regatta/Fleet #102 Port Isabel, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
September 4-6	In Conjunction with OCBC Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #131 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Eric Poole (405) 728-8336
September 12	Back To The Rat Race/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810
Sept. 18 & 19	Summer's End Regatta/Fleet #99 Lake Corpus Christi, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
Sept. 25 & 26	Cypremort Point Open Regatta/Fleet #93 Cypremort Point Beach, Louisiana	George Church (318) 233-2151
October 9 & 10	Third Annual Queen Isabella Days Regatta/Fleet #102 Laguna Madre, Texas	Pat Haley (512) 943-2810

REGATTA SCHEDULE

• Point Regattas

DIVISION VI

October 17	Harvest Moon Regatta/Fleet #99 Cody's Port Arkansas, Texas	Carol Grgurich (512) 854-3973
October 17	Point Venture Regatta/Fleet #64 Austin, Texas	Chuck Sicking (512) 836-7432
October 24	Fleet #93 Fall Series Races/Fleet #93 Cypremort Point Beach, Louisiana	George Church (318) 233-2151

DIVISION VII

• May 8 & 9	1st Annual Prairie Regatta/Fleet #27 Wichita, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
May 22	Learn to Sail & Race Clinic/Fleet #83/Sailing Center of Iowa Gray's Lake, Des Moines, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
May 28 & 29	Memorial Day Regatta/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
June 5 & 6	Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Lake Rathburn, Iowa	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
• June 5 & 6	Iowa Ocean Regatta/Fleet #84 Lake Rathburn, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
June 12 & 13	Fleet #103 Points Race/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
June 13	Weekend Race/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
June 19 & 20	Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Paynesville, Minnesota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
• June 19 & 20	Minnesota Icebreaker/Fleet #49 Paynesville, Minnesota	Chuck Watson (612) 252-6342
June 20	Weekend Race/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
June 26 & 27	Fleet #103 Points Race/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
June 26 & 27	Midwest Hobie Open/Fleet #10 Clear Lake, Iowa	Jerry Sedars (515) 357-6398
June 27	Weekend Race/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
July 3 & 4	Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
July 4	Colossus Cup Regatta/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
July 4	Weekend Race/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
July 10 & 11	Fleet #103 Points Race Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
July 11	Weekend Race/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
July 17 & 18	C.S.S.A. Regatta/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
• July 17 & 18	Fleet #103 Points Regatta/Fleet #103 Sioux Falls, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
July 17 & 18	Fleet #84 Summer Regatta/Fleet #84 Big Creek Lake, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
• July 24 & 25	Governor's Day Regatta/Fleet #10 Clear Lake, Iowa	Jerry Sedars (515) 357-6398
July 31 & Aug. 1	Fun Trip to Lake Rathburn/Fleet #84 Lake Rathburn, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
August 7 & 8	Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Clear Lake, Iowa	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
• August 7 & 8	Iowa Cup Regatta/Fleet #10 Clear Lake, Iowa	Jerry Sedars (515) 357-6398
August 14 & 15	Fleet #103 Points Races/Fleet #103 Lake Madison, South Dakota	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
August 21 & 22	Host Fun Regatta/Fleet #103 Ames Big Creek, Iowa	Mac Hasvold (605) 339-3844
• August 21 & 22	3rd Annual Ames Big Creek Regatta/Fleet #84 Ames Big Creek, Iowa	Scott Tursi (515) 244-7334
August 28 & 29	Division 7 Championships/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986
September 4 & 5	Midwesterns/Fleet #52/Sitzmark Gull Lake, Minnesota	Sitzmark Sails (612) 484-8555
September 4 & 5	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #27 Cheney Lake, Kansas	Gerald Pauls (316) 683-4986

DIVISION VIII

May 1	Fleet #111 "Learn to Sail the HobieWay" Sailing School Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
• May 1 & 2	2nd Annual Batten Buster Regatta/Fleet #120 Panama City, Florida	Larry McNeerney (904) 763-6146
May 1 & 2	Hobie Cat Gaboon/Fleet #132 St. Petersburg, Florida	Jim Gowdy (813) 343-3375
• May 1 & 2	Fleet #34 6th Warm-Up Regatta/Fleet #34 West Palm Beach, Florida	Ben Miller (305) 585-3089

May 8	Wharton-Williams/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• May 8 & 9	2nd Annual East Coast Hobie Cat Charity Regatta/Fleet #39 & H.C.A. Sarasota, Florida	Kevin Summerell (813) 924-6646
May 9	Weekend Race/Fleet #36 Rickenbacker Causeway, Florida	Jerry Stegenga II (305) 446-5771
• May 15 & 16	Hawaiian Tropic World Open/Fleet #80 Daytona, Florida	Danny Heyse (904) 253-5269
May 15	Bar-B-Q and Moonlight Sail/Fleet #36 Rickenbacker Causeway, Florida	Jerry Stegenga II (305) 446-5771
May 16	Fleet Race/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
May 22	Drage Industries/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
May 23	Weekend Race/Fleet #36 Rickenbacker Causeway, Florida	Jerry Stegenga II (305) 446-5771
• May 29-31	Jetty Park Ocean Regatta/Fleet #45 Jetty Park, Florida	Harry Lidkea (305) 773-6376
May 30-31	Open Regatta/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
• June 5 & 6	Florida Fence World Open Clearwater, Florida	Ken Keene (813) 531-0385
June 6	Weekend Race/Fleet #36 Rickenbacker Causeway, Florida	Jerry Stegenga II (305) 446-5771
June 6	Mug Race/Rudder Club/42 Mile Course/Fleet #111 Palatka to Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
June 7	Bach Meeting/Fleet #132 Sarasota, Florida	Cloyd Ridenour (813) 355-2093
June 12 & 13	Division #8 Championships/Fleet #44 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Mike Mikkelsen (305) 565-9709
June 18-20	Bach Super Weekend/Fleet #132 Fort Desoto Park, St. Petersburg, Florida	George Ellis (813) 867-1911
June 19	Century City/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• June 19 & 20	Smith Memorial Regatta/Fleet #43 Shell Point, Florida	Robert Cocanougher (904) 576-9816
June 20	Fleet #111 Summer Ocean Series-I/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
June 27	Triangle Points Race/Fleet #36 Rickenbacker Causeway, Florida	Jerry Stegenga II (305) 446-5771
June 27	Fleet #111 Family Outing/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
July 3	Fleet Race/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
July 3	Barton Brands/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• July 3-5	4th of July Multihull Regatta/City of Dunedin Dunedin, Florida	Janet Wallis (813) 733-4151
July 11	Fleet #111 Summer Ocean Series-II/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
July 17	Zip Instant Print/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• July 24 & 25	Hobie Sea '76 Regatta Key Biscayne, Florida	Ralph Linsko (305) 856-4559
July 25	Fleet #111 Summer Ocean Series-III/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
July 31	Clemenzi Construction/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
• August 7 & 8	1976 Jax Beaches Annual Hobie Regatta/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Terry Anderson (904) 737-6060
August 14	Verwey Boats/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
September 4 & 5	Labor Day Regatta/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
September 4 & 5	Open Regatta/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
September 4 & 5	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #132 Sarasota, Florida	Cloyd Ridenour (813) 355-2093
September 18	Prudential Ins. Co./Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
October 2	B & H Sales/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
October 10	Fleet Race/Fleet #178 Choctawhatchee Bay, Florida	James Tucker (904) 242-4003
October 16	Professional Optical/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514
October 30	Ray Mixon Chrys-Ply/Rudder Club/Fleet #111 Jacksonville, Florida	Mike Walsh (904) 731-0514

DIVISION IX

May 1 & 2	James Allen Yacht Club/Fleet #53 James Allen Yacht Club, S.C.	Kit Regnery (803) 884-6116
May 2	3rd Race Spring Series/Fleet #141 Columbia Sailing Club, S.C.	Brenda Graham (803) 781-4161
May 8	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
• May 8 & 9	1st Annual James Island Yacht Club Points Regatta/Fleet #53 Charleston, S.C.	Kit Regnery (803) 884-6116

May 9	3rd Tune-Up Regatta/Fleet #53 Isle of Palms, S.C.	Kit Regnery (803) 884-6116
May 9	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
May 15	Tune-Up Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
May 15 & 16	3rd Annual Salter Path Hobie Cat Regatta/Fleet #97 Raleigh, N.C.	Jay Swan (919) 929-7654
May 22	Novice Racing Clinic/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
May 23	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
May 23	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
May 22 & 23	6th Annual Fleet #35 Regatta/Fleet #35-Pensacola, S.C. Quietwater Beach, Pensacola, Florida	Pensacola Sailing Center Marshall Whitehurst (904) 456-7855
May 23	4th Tune-Up Regatta/Fleet #53 Seabrook Is., S.C.	Kit Regnery (803) 884-6116
May 28 & 29	Dorton Cup/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
May 30	1st Race Summer Series/Fleet #141 Columbia Sailing Club, S.C.	Brenda Graham (803) 781-4161
June 6	2nd Race Summer Series/Fleet #141 Columbia Sailing Club, S.C.	Brenda Graham (803) 781-4161
June 6	5th Tune-Up Regatta/Fleet #53 Kiawah Island, S.C.	Kit Regnery (803) 884-6116
June 5 & 6	1976 Points Regatta/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
June 12	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
June 12 & 13	Sun Fun Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
June 13	3rd Race Summer Series/Fleet #141 Columbia Sailing Club, S.C.	Brenda Graham (803) 781-4161
June 13	1st Annual Masonboro Madness Olympics/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
June 19 & 20	Cap & Gown Regatta/Fleet #12/University Yacht Club Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
June 19 & 20	Division #9 Championships/Fleet #92 Charlotte, N.C.	James D. Hudson (704) 596-7902
June 26 & 27	Lake Lanier Open/Lake Lanier Sailing Club/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
June 26 & 27	Henderson Point Regatta/Fleet #97 Kerr Lake, N.C.	Jay Swan (919) 929-7654
June 27	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
July 3 & 4	Bicentennial Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
July 3-5	76 Hobie Bicentennial/Fleet #76 Fairhope, Alabama	Larry Palmer (205) 342-1669
July 11	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
July 17 & 18	6th Annual Lake Lanier Drifter, Fleet #12 Open/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
July 18	3 Leagues Over the Sea Long Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
July 24	Novice Racing Clinic/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
July 25	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
Mid-August	Annual Cancer Cup Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
August 1	Skipper/Crew Switch or Mutiny on the Hobie/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
August 7	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
August 22	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
August 22	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
September 4	Shearwater Regatta/Fleet #70 Ocean Springs, Miss.	Al Johnston (601) 875-9585
September 4-6	Lake Hartwell Regatta & Annual Campout/Fleet #12 Lake Hartwell, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
September 5 & 6	Labor Day Regatta/Fleet #174 Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Peg Detwiler (803) 448-7913
September 12	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
September 18	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
September 26	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
September 26	Series Race/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
October 9	Fleet #12 Series/ Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414
October 9	Fall Fling/Fleet #170 Gunpowder Park, Maryland	Jim Huggins (301) 243-3217
October 16 & 17	2nd Annual Barefoot Open/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414

October 17	Summer Series Finisher/Fleet #101 Wrightsville Beach, N.C.	Bill Croughwell (919) 256-2145
October 31	Fleet #12 Series/Fleet #12 Lake Lanier, Ga.	Clyde Shepherd (404) 981-8414

DIVISION X

May 1 & 2	2nd Annual Cowan Lake Spring Regatta/Fleet #47 Cincinnati, Ohio	James Wessel (513) 662-6835
May 2	Kensington Park Race/Fleet #40/CRAM Kensington Metro Park, Mich.	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
May 15 & 16	Annual Spring Fling Regatta/Fleet #85 Columbus, Ohio	Ron Marshall (614) 882-0345
May 15 & 16	Clark Lake Ice Breaker/Fleet #58 Clark Lake, Mich.	Lynn Vermeulen (517) 529-9736
May 22 & 23	Hobie Hassle/Fleet #104/Boats-A-Sail Prairie Creek Lake, Munsey, Indiana	Jim Peele (317) 966-0918
May 22 & 23	Lakeport St. Park Regatta/Fleet #40/CRAM Port Huron, Mich.	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
May 23	Tune-Up Regatta/Fleet #158 Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Ill.	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
May 31	'Round Belle Isle Race/Fleet #40 Detroit, Michigan	Pete Begle (313) 779-2145
June 5	Summer Series #1/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
June 5 & 6	Mayor's Cup/Fleet #26 & E.C.S.C. Eagle Creek Lake, Indianapolis, Indiana	Harold Haney (317) 293-8731
June 6	Ford Lake Hobie Regatta/Fleet #171 Ypsilanti, Michigan	Bob Jewell (313) 485-4569
June 6	Metro Beach Race/Fleet #40/CRAM Detroit, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
June 19	Windjammer Regatta/Fleet #158 Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
June 19 & 20	Diamond Lake Regatta/Fleet #89 Diamond Lake, Michigan	William Lytle (312) 852-4147
June 19 & 20	Boyne City Regatta/Fleet #40 Lake Charlevoix, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
June 20	Summer Series #2/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
June 26 & 27	Indiana State Championship/Fleet #26 Eagle Creek Lake, Indianapolis, Indiana	Harold Haney (317) 293-8731
July 10	Summer Series #3/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
July 17 & 18	Michigan State Championships/Fleet #40 Lakeport State Park, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531



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REGATTA SCHEDULE

• Point Regattas

DIVISION X

July 24	Drifters Regatta/Fleet #158 Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
July 24 & 25	Phelps Summer Fest Regatta Phelps, Wisconsin	Randy Riley (715) 479-4406
July 31-August 1	1976 Regatta/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
August 1	Lake Erie Race/Fleet #40/CRAM Amherstburg, Conn.	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
August 7	Illinois Invitational/Fleet #158 TBA, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
• August 7 & 8	Annual Lightning & Catamaran Regatta/Higgins Lake Boat Club Roscommon, Michigan	Fred Krauss (313) 663-1011
August 15	Summer Series #4/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
• August 21-23	North American Multihull Championships/Fleet #40/CRAM Muskegon, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531
August 28	Summer Series #5/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
Sept. 11 & 12	1976 Regatta/Fleet #83 Clearfork Marina, Lexington, Ohio	Phil Rieman (216) 264-5795
Sept. 18 & 19	Whale of A Sail/Carlyle Sailing Association Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Illinois	Bill Biermann (314) 821-5758
September 25	Last Chance Regatta/Fleet #158 Evergreen Lake, Bloomington, Illinois	Paul Pinther (309) 662-4519
October 3	Boat Show Race/Fleet #40 Detroit, Michigan	Mike Huntzinger (517) 351-8531

DIVISION XI

May 1	Tune-Up Day/Fleet #170 Gunpowder State Park, Maryland	Pat Moore (301) 679-7224
May 2	Spring Series Part I/Fleet #170 Gunpowder State Park, Maryland	Jim Huggins (301) 243-3217
• May 8 & 9	Gunpowder Spring Regatta/Fleet #54 Baltimore, Maryland	Ed Plitt (301) 255-5827
May 15 & 16	Spring Regatta/Fleet #54 White Marsh, Maryland	Rex Scaggs (301) 667-6380
May 22	Spring Series Part II/Fleet #170 Gunpowder State Park, Maryland	Jim Huggins (301) 243-3217
• May 22 & 23	Lake Hopatong Spring Regatta/Fleet #137 Lake Hopatong, N.J.	Ralph Baker (201) 398-5121
• June 5 & 6	Shore Acres Regatta/Fleet #65 Shore Acres, N.J.	Nick Inperato (201) 895-2616
June 5 & 6	Erie Yacht Club Open/Erie Yacht Club Erie Yacht Club, Erie, Penn.	Mark Santia (814) 864-5900
June 12	Sailing Clinic/Fleet #170 Edgewood, Maryland	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346
June 19	Fathers Fun For All/Fleet #170 Edgewood, Maryland	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346
• June 19 & 20	Wildwood Surfbanger/Fleet #54 Wildwood, N.J.	Rob Sterling (609) 522-7133
June 26 & 27	Wye River Regatta/Fleet #54 St. Michaels, Maryland	Ted Leach (301) 384-5233
July 3	Bicen Hobie Sail Away/Fleet #73/Yacht Club of Pleasantville Yacht Club of Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
July 3-5	Hobie Bicentennial Regatta Potomac River, Washington, D.C.	Warren Hathaway (703) 751-3797
• July 10 & 11	Lewes Yacht Club Regatta/Fleet #54 Lewes, Delaware	Jim Glanden (302) 368-9514
July 17 & 18	Patriot Regatta/Fleet #170 Edgewood, Maryland	Martin Hoover (301) 679-7346
July 24 & 25	Division #11 Championships/Fleet #190 Atlantic City, N.J.	Harry Sweeney (609) 344-5278
July 31	Summer Series Part I/Fleet #54 Pasadena, Maryland	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
July 31	Lakes Bay Regatta/Fleet #73/Yacht Club of Pleasantville Yacht Club of Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
July 31-August 1	Yacht Club of Pleasantville/Fleet #73 Lake Bay, Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
• August 7 & 8	Hampton Regatta/Fleet #32 Hampton, Virginia	Pete Price (804) 851-1950
August 14	Summer Series Part II/Fleet #54 Flying Point Park, Harford County, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
August 21 & 22	Wye River Regatta/Fleet #54 Easton, Md.	Ted Leach (301) 384-5233
August 21 & 22	Camping Weekend/Fleet #170 Gunpowder State Park, MD	Jim Huggins (301) 243-3217
August 22	Wye River Regatta/Fleet #54 Near Easton, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
August 28	Summer Series Part III/Fleet #54 Pasadena, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340

August 28	Yacht Club of Pleasantville/Fleet #73/Yacht Club of Pleasantville Yacht Club of Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
Sept. 11 & 12	Fall Series-Sandy Point State Park/Fleet #54 Annapolis, Md.	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340
September 12	Mainland Hobie Regatta/Fleet #73/Yacht Club of Pleasantville Yacht Club of Pleasantville, N.J.	Nick Tallotta (609) 653-8337
Sept. 18 & 19	Betterton Bash Open/Fleet #170 Betterton, Md.	Tim Mommers (301) 877-7012
October 2 & 3	Frostbite Regatta/Fleet #54 Gunpowder State Park, Maryland	Marge Banbury (301) 255-2340

DIVISION XII

May 9	Bemus Point to Ensenada Cruise/Fleet #78/Hobie Foote Lake Chautauqua, N.Y.	Dan Pihlbud (716) 358-3645
May 15 & 16	Length of Lake Chautauqua/Fleet #78/Hobies Foote Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club Lakewood, N.Y.	Dan Ala (716) 763-8795
• May 15 & 16	1976 Constitution State Regatta/Fleet #136 Madison, Connecticut	Steve Tsois (203) 399-9142
• May 22 & 23	2nd Annual Mulligans Metz Smeach/Fleet #119/Hobies Foote Sunset Bay, Lake Erie, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
May 22 & 23	Fleet #28 Race Clinic/Fleet #28 Wakeby Lake, Cape Cod, Mass.	Bill Pierce (617) 477-1756
May 29 & 30	Hamburg Hobie Classic/Fleet #119/Hobies Foote Hamburg Town Beach, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
May 29 & 30	Roton Point Invitational/Fleet #186 Rowayton, Connecticut	Lazlo Raap (202) 966-1542
• June 5 & 6	Seacliff Regatta/Fleet #109 Long Island, N.Y.	Klaus Donnerstag (516) 466-2574
June 5 & 6	Hobie Sounders Invitational Regatta/Fleet #136 Madison, Connecticut	Steve Tsois (203) 399-9142
June 5 & 6	Hampton Beach Regatta/Atlantic Hobie Hampton Beach, N.H.	Atlantic Hobie (603) 964-6807
June 12 & 13	3rd Annual Cape Ann Hobie Cat Championship Rockport, Mass.	Bruce Reed (617) 546-7297
June 12 & 13	Niagara Invitational/Fleet #108 & #119/Hobies Foote Bay Beach, Ontario, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
June 12 & 13	Cape Ann Championship/Sandy Bay Yacht Club Rockport, Mass.	Brude Reed (617) 546-7297
June 19 & 20	Mulligans Challenge Cup/Fleet #119/Hobies Foote Mulligans Sunset Bay, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
June 19 & 20	Nantucket Sleighride II/Fleet #28/Goodhue Ent. Falmouth Heights, Mass.	Ed Andrews (603) 883-6541
June 26	The Gailwing Regatta/Fleet #184 Burlington, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
June 26 & 27	Fleet #154 Regatta/Fleet #154 Narragansett Pier, R.I.	Charles Johnson (401) 423-1632
June 26 & 27	Midwest Hobie Open/Fleet #10 Clear Lake, Iowa	Jerry Sedars (515) 357-6398
June 26 & 27	Lake George Multihull Championships/Big Sport Center/Mel Smith Lake George, N.Y.	Mel Smith (518) 793-9696
June 26 & 27	Division #12 Championships/Fleet #28 & #139 Bolton Landing C. of C. Lake George, N.Y.	John Nimphus (603) 673-6052
July 3 & 4	Sunset Bay Bicentennial/Sunset Bay Association/Hobies Foote Evangola State Park, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
July 3 & 5	Bayblon Yacht Club Regatta/Fleet #124 Bellport, N.Y.	Lawrence Deering (516) 286-1754
July 10	Hull Flying Contest/Fleet #184 Burlington, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
• July 10 & 11	Bellport Open Annual Regatta/Fleet #124 Bellport, N.Y.	Lawrence Deering (516) 286-1754
July 10 & 11	North American Hobie Cat Championship/Fleet #108 & #119/Hobies Foote Sherkston Beach, Ontario, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
July 17 & 18	Great Sacandaga Lake Open/Edinburgh Marine Edinburgh, N.Y.	Fred Sterner (518) 925-3622
July 17 & 18	Westport Regatta/Fleet #28 Westport Harbor, Mass.	John Mills (617) 862-1886
July 21-25	Marblehead Race Week/Hobie 16 Marblehead Racing Association Marblehead, Mass.	Phil Lynn (617) 599-2686
• July 24 & 25	New York State Championships/Mar Marine Lake Ontario, N.Y.	Bill Martin (315) 475-9708
July 24 & 25	Sundance/Fleet #78/Hobies Foote Bemus Point, N.Y.	Dan Ala (716) 763-8795
July 31-August 1	Down East Regatta/Fleet #28 Kennebunkport, Mass.	John Cleary (207) 967-2765
August 7 & 8	1st Annual Lake Champlain Cup Regatta/Fleet #184 Lake Champlain, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
• August 7 & 8	1976 Seneca Lake Regatta/Fleet #86/SLSA/Boats-A-Sail Dundee, New York	Jim Peele (607) 243-8444
• August 14 & 15	Northeastern Championships/Fleet #28/Goodhue Ent. Falmouth Heights, Mass.	Jerry Sears (802) 254-5852
August 14 & 15	Commodores Cup Regatta/Fleet #28/Goodhue Ent. Falmouth Heights, Mass.	Jerry Sears (802) 254-5852
• August 21 & 22	Canadian Championships/Fleet #150 Ontario, Canada	Gerry Pringle (705) 325-1713
August 21 & 22	Canadian Nationals/Lake Couchiching Yacht Club Orillia, Ontario, Canada	Reg Jaworski (705) 325-3349

August 28	The Watergate Regatta/Fleet #184 Burlington, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
August 28 & 29	Can-Am Beaver Open Championships/Fleet #108 & #119/Hobies Foote Sherkston, Ontario, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221
August 28 & 29	Nationals Tune-Up/Keep in Shape Regatta for Fleet #28 Members Falmouth Heights, Mass.	John Nimphius (603) 673-6052
September 4 & 5	Lake Champlain Hobie Can Am/Hobie Cat of Montreal/Davis & Lemish Inc. Lake Champlain, Montreal, Quebec	Ron Lemish (514) 273-7400
September 12	The 2nd Annul Alpert Point Regatta/Fleet #184 Shelburne, Vermont	William Byberg (802) 862-4793
Sept. 11 & 12	Mulligans Fall Regatta/Fleet #119/Hobies Foote Mulligans Sunset Bay, N.Y.	Jim Foote (716) 627-9221

DIVISION XIII

May 8 & 9	Spring Opening at A.Y.I.V./Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
May 13	Meeting/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
May 16	Local Racing/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
May 23	Local Boat Inspections/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
May 29	Sail to St. John/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
May 29-31	Culebra Race/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
May 30	Racing in St. John With St. T. St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
May 31	Sail to St. Croix/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
June	Moonlight Sail/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
June 12 & 13	Summer Opening at A.Y.I.V./Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
June 20	Local Racing/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
June 27	San Juan Cup (14's)/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
July 3 & 4	Racing With Yacht Club And Beach Barbeque/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
July 10 & 11	Ponce Yacht Club/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
July 18	Local Racing/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
July 24-27	Puerto Rico Championships/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
July 25	Local Racing/Fleet #182 St. Croix, V.I.	Tom Baldauf (809) 773-5318
August 21 & 22	Caribe Championships - Palmas Del Mar/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
Sept. 11 & 12	Fall Opening at A.Y.I.V./Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
October 23-25	Southern Championships/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
November 19-21	Open Regatta/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364
December 4 & 5	Year End Race/Fleet #133 Sauturce, Puerto Rico	Roberto Bouret 723-2364

INTERNATIONAL

May 1 & 2	Regatta/Club Nautique De Bendor/Coast Catamaran-France Bandol, France	Jean-Marc Pedroletti
May 27 & 30	Regatta/Emeraude Marine/Coast Catamaran-France Dinard, France	Yves Bucaille
May 30 & 31	Memorial Day Regatta/Fleet #79/Pago Pago YC Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa	Donald Graf
June 5-7	Rendez-Vous Francais Pitiaic Marine/Coast Catamaran-France La Baule or Piriac	Marc Roche
July 4 & 5	Bicentennial Regatta/Fleet #79/Pago Pago YC Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa	Donald Graf
July 17 & 18	Regatta/Societe Nautique De La Ciotat/Coast Catamaran-France La Ciotat	Mr. Dechesne
July 24 & 25	Regatta Speed Trials/Coast Catamaran-France Quimper	Patrick Carn
August 7 & 8	The Doldrum Slow Boat Regatta/Fleet #189 Saipan, Marines Islands	Tom Sheehan 6361
September 4-6	Trans Island Distance Race/Fleet #189 Saipan, Marines Islands	Tom Sheehan 6361
Nov. 13 & 14	Sun Set Regatta/Fleet #189 Saipan, Marines Islands	Tom Sheehan 6361
Dec. 18 & 19	Mid Winter Sun Tan Regatta/Fleet #189 Saipan, Marines Islands	Tom Sheehan 6361

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REGATTA RESULTS

DEEP SOUTH HOBIE REGATTA Lake Charles, Louisiana March 26-27-28, 1976

POS- TION	SKIPPER	SAIL #	TOTAL POINTS
HOBIE 10:			
1.	Charlie White	443	3½
2.	Davis Tucker IV	875	4½
3.	Mark Mayo	693	6½

HOBIE 14:			
1.	Bill Hager	5621	5½
2.	Allan Heath	23917	9½
3.	Bob Dorchester	16382	5½
4.	Mark Milam	5844	10
5.	Peter LeBlanc	4143	13
6.	Mike Landry	15793	15
7.	Davis Tucker	10287	16
8.	Troy Taylor	12590	17
9.	Peter Walther	8091	29
10.	Bill Broussard	18664	29
11.	Bob Appelbaum	20610	33
12.	Harper Clark	10576	35
13.	Larry J. Williams	257	38

HOBIE 16:			
1.	J. Ryan	11193	4½
2.	D. Fried	13677	9½
3.	Bob Dobkowski	16506	12
4.	K. Dietz	17892	14
5.	J. Shaddock	514	17
6.	B. Gessler	13477	17½
7.	C. Biche	2366	25
8.	D. McHaffie	7412	25½
9.	D. Teddie	6224	26
10.	E. Westerlund	17253	35
11.	D. McDuffie	4010	35
12.	V. Draper	13032	38
13.	D. Moriarty	17326	38
14.	J. Gayle	3992	42
15.	M. McKinneg	13027	42
16.	Chris Rosenberg	4645	43
17.	Hal Brown	9161	44
18.	J. Pieter	1229	44
19.	B. Holleyman	1232	46
20.	R. Koenig	5048	47
21.	N. Plumber	53	49
22.	J. Boyer	9799	50
23.	Joe Gregg	14341	62
24.	G. Church	11880	64
25.	J. Torress	8932	67

26.	M. Sullivan	14621	70
27.	J. Coon	3700	72
28.	M. Cook	2940	83
29.	E. Blackwell	3572	85
30.	C. Haley	15812	85.9
31.	G. Voelzel III	16825	86
32.	B. Dahl	15708	86
33.	W. Laster	16668	90
34.	C. Little	13768	91
35.	H. Boudreaux	16398	95
36.		13422	108

1975-1976 NUT—FREEZER SERIES FLEET #95 Seattle, Washington

POS- TION	SKIPPER	SAIL #	TOTAL POINTS
HOBIE 10:			
1.	Johanna Caughlin	679	50

HOBIE 12:			
1.	Jim Gustafson	2663	95
2.	Ann Stafford	2856	25
3.	Laura Farris	2861	17

HOBIE 14:			
1.	Paul Carter	17147	90
2.	Caleb Tarleton	17162	73
3.	Joe Wilson	14446	71
4.	Doug Paeth	3181	70
5.	Jim Scholfield	395	45
6.	Jerry Beach	12701	24
7.	Ron Stickey	12571	14
8.	Don McClain	3857	12

HOBIE 16 A:			
1.	John Reuter	13130	82
2.	Merv Eaton	7337	82
3.	Joe Turner	9752	70
4.	Matt Breaker	4570	60
5.	Willi Schmidt	6459	59
6.	Paul Ulibarri	11917	39
7.	Rud Tamm	6010	24
8.	Brian Gupta	10800	24
9.	Bob Whisler	9748	24
10.	Dan Carpenter	14198	17

HOBIE 16 B:			
1.	Steve Carter	7811	95
2.	Doug Paeth	1669	70
3.	Jim Burnett	12840	64
4.	Gil Caughlin	13063	58

5.	Greg Peterson	13283	56
6.	Eldred Smith	1078	56
7.	Doug Eaton	1486	42
8.	Bruce Zernow	12095	34
9.	Craig Lyon	10333	33
10.	Craig Zimmerman	4654	25
11.	Steve Miller	16708	23
12.	Eric Brandtels	7817	21
13.	Dennis Pittis	15250	19
14.	Mark Waitt	13117	17
15.	Don Allen	13244	19
16.	Darcy Halloran	17240	12
17.	Jim Scholfield	1591	12
18.	Bill Wehmeyer	14861	12
19.	Chuck Simmons	6688	12
20.	Jerry Beach	17113	11
21.	Dave Paeth	1669	10
22.	John Wachewski	10086	9
23.	Mike Parent	12669	6
24.	Jack White	10776	6
25.	Dave Tuelit	13201	5
26.	Dean Hatcher	12771	5
27.	Harry Lyle	12488	4
28.	Steve Nash	10477	1
29.	Brian Caster	10010	1
30.	Bob Smith	17694	0
31.	Jim Krueger	1386	0
32.	Scott Bradshaw	14162	0
33.	Norm Brewer	13317	0

FLEET #97 MARCH SHIVER & SHAKEDOWN REGATTA Kerr Lake, N.C.

POS- TION	SKIPPER	HOBIE 14:	HOBIE 16:
1.	Charlie Akers	1	Dan Williams
2.	Clarence O'neal	2	John Houch
3.	John Palmout	3	Paul Hounshell
4.	Ron Molnar	4	Tommy Whitford
5.	David Hounshell	5	Jon Peterson
6.		6	Michael Edwards
7.		7	Vic Jimenez
8.		8	Frank Babiarz
9.		9	Ron Laster
10.		10	Ray Hales
11.		11	Len Dukka

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

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After lunching amidst directors and producers,
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Hobie Fleet #87, of the San Francisco Bay area, recently earned \$500 for a day spent playing volleyball, basking in the summer-like sun on Cronkite Beach, eating a catered feast, sailing through Pacific Ocean surf, and becoming immortalized on film. How did it happen??

On Thursday, February 12, the call came to Fleet #87 for a group of boats to serve as backdrop for a General Tire commercial(!). When they arrived at Cronkite Beach, three Hobie 16's (belonging to Fleet members Bob Nelson, David Stearns and Jon Trebotich) and two Hobie 14's (Jim Nixon's and Bill Patterson's) were neatly arranged on the beach awaiting direction. The film company, having heard rumors of "on-time" skipper's meetings, cleverly stated a 10 a.m. curtain call, but didn't intend on shooting until late afternoon. This left plenty of time for volleyball and other assorted activities, like getting a sun tan, playing cards, or tying knots.

After lunching amidst directors and producers on a freebie meal fit for a king (including fresh sliced pineapple), it was time to roll 'em. The boats were positioned and repositioned via walkie-talkies. The actors (Fleet #87 members) were requested to shed as much clothing as was befitting "family hour" (summer scene, mind you), and to putter about the boats. Bob Nelson and Jim Nixon sailed back and forth just outside the line of breakers, and Jon Trebotich's boat was held in the surf, at the ready for beaching. At the signal "PUTTER!", Jon's boat was pulled in from the surf by Elaine Stearns and Bill Patterson, all the while waving to an imaginary assemblage of friends (surrounded by suitable cars with polished General Tires) on a near-by bluff. After ten to fifteen retakes, a quarter inch of yellow gelcoat, and two hours of puttering, it was a wrap. All present considered it a job well done.

The commercial was scheduled to start being aired around the first of March, so next time you settle down in front of the boob tube be sure to keep an eye out for General Tires and the now-famous Hobie Fleet #87!

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